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JAMESTOWN CHURCH DEDICATES CASAVANT

FOUR-MANUAL INSTRUMENT

First Lutheran Has Large New Organ Redecorated Church—George William Volkel Is Consultant and Recitalist.

A new four-manual Casavant organ was dedicated Jan. 22 at the First Luther-an Church in Jamestown, N. Y. The re-decorated nave was re-consecrated at the

same service.

The specification was worked out by Dr. George William Volkel, organist of the Presbyterian Church, Westfield, N. J., and the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N. Y., in collaboration with Mrs. C. E. Peck, organist of the church, and Edwin D. Northrup, Casavant representative. The organ is located in two chambers on either side of the lofty nave. The instrument was installed as a part of the celebration of the church centennial.

nial.

Dr. Volkel played the following recital
Jan. 25 to nearly 2000 listeners: Music
from "The Occasional Oratorio," Handel;
"Soeur Monique," Couperin; Fantasie
and Fugue in G minor, Sinfonia in F
and "Christians, Rejoice," Bach; "Ave
Maria," Bach-Gounod; Prelude in E
minor, Dethier; Aria, Peeters; "Spinning
Song," Mendelssohn; "The Swan," SaintSaens; "Up the Saguenay" and "Song of
the Basket-Weaver," Russell; "Clair de
Eune," Debussy, and "Carillon de Westminister," Vierne.

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GREAT ORGAN.

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Sub Principal, 16 ft., 61 pipes.
Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Principal, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Gedeckt, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Gedeckt, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Harmonic Flute, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Octave Quint, 2% ft., 61 pipes.
Superoctave, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Superoctave, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Fourniture, 4 ranks, 1% ft., 244 pipes.
Cymbal, 3 ranks, ½ ft., 183 pipes.
Trumpet, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 61 pipes.

SWELL ORGAN.

SWELL ORGAN.
Geigen Principal, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Stopped Diapason, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Vlola da Gamba, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Salicional, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Salicional, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Geigen Octave, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Flauto Traverso, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Flautino, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Plein Jeu, 5 ranks, 2 ft., 305 pipes.
Contra Fagotto, 16 ft., 68 pipes.
Trumpet, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Obce d'Amore, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Chimes.

CHOIR ORGAN.

CHOIR ORGAN.

Bourdon, 16 ft., 68 pipes.

Viola, 8 ft., 68 pipes.

Melodia, 8 ft., 68 pipes.

Dulciana, 8 ft., 68 pipes.

Unda Maris, 8 ft., 68 pipes.

Unda Maris, 8 ft., 68 pipes.

Violina, 4 ft., 68 pipes.

Violina, 4 ft., 68 pipes.

Nazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes.

Nazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes.

Ctavine, 2 ft., 61 pipes.

Clarinet, 8 ft., 68 pipes.

Harp, 37 bars.

Chimes.

SOLO ORGAN.

Gross Flöte, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Gross Gamba, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Gamba Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Gamba Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Cotave, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Concert Flute, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Orchestral Oboe, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Tuba, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Clarion, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Chimes, 20 tubes.

PEDAL ORGAN.

Open Diapason, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Principal, 16 ft.
Subbass, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Violone, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Violone, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Lieblich Gedeckt, 16 ft.
Quinte, 1034, ft. 32 pipes. Quinte, 10% ft., 32 pipes. Octave, 8 ft., 32 pipes.

SETH BINGHAM, WHO RECEIVED MUS. D. DEGREE



SETH BINGHAM received the honorary degree, Doctor of Music, from Ohio Wesleyan University March 5. Dr. Bingham's new Credo for chorus, organ, brass and percussion, published by the H. W. Church in New Yor Gray Company, will receive its first convention in June.

American performance April 8 by the eighty-voice choir of the university under the direction of Rexford Keller. The work will also be performed at the Riverside Church in New York City at the A.G.O.

Flauto Dolce, § ft., 32 pipes.
Still Gedeckt, 8 ft.
Violoncello, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Octave Quinte, 5½ ft., 12 pipes.
Superoctave, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Flute, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Flute, 3 ranks, 3½ ft., 96 pipes.
Tuba, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
Fagotto, 16 ft.
Tuba, 8 ft.
Tuba Clarion, 4 ft.
Chimes.

24th BEREA BACH FESTIVAL TO BE AT BALDWIN-WALLACE

The twenty-fourth annual Bach festival will be held May 25 and 26 at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. The St. John Passion will be the large choral work sung this year and will be under the direction of George Poinar. Cantata 78. Ceril Munk conductor and the motest the direction of George Poinar. Cantata 78, Cecil Munk, conductor, and the motet, "The Spirit Also Helpeth Us," Varner M. Chance, conductor, will also be sung. "The Art of Fugue" will be performed in an orchestral transcription, and the violin concerto in G minor will be played.

Julius Herford will give a lecture-recital on "The Well-Tempered Clavier," and Dr. Farley Hutchins will play an all-Buxtehude recital. As in previous years

Buxtehude recital. As in previous years the brass choir will play programs of chorales from the tower of Marting Hall before the concerts.

The planning committee consists Cecil Munk, George Poinar and M Albert Riemenschneider.

THE APOLLO MUSICAL CLUB will sing Mendelssohn's "Elijah" April 3 at Chicago's Orchestra Hall. Henry Veld will direct with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Robert Birch, organist.

CBS TV PROGRAM FEATURES

BIGGS AND PORTATIV ORGAN An audience, estimated at sixteen million, saw and heard E. Power Biggs in a television appearance about the art of the organ on "Omnibus", CBS TV, Feb. 26.

In a miniature history of the instru-ment, Mr. Biggs traced the beginnings of ment, Mr. Biggs traced the beginnings of the organ, showing a model of the hydraulis played by the emperor Nero, various instruments of the middle ages and finally illustrating the principles of organ design and playing on the Cambridge portativ, designed and built by Herman Schlicker of Buffalo, N.Y., and driven in its car trailer to New York for the occasion.

Music of Bach, heard on an organ in Lüneburg that Bach played, of Purcell in Westminster Abbey, of Sweelinck in Leiden, Holland, performed on the organ in the Pieterskerk, the church of the Pilgrims, and of Mozart in the Salzburg Cathedral, all in recorded performances by Mr. Biggs, were also featured.

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In April, Mr. Biggs leaves for an extended European tour, beginning with recitals at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, in Edinburgh, Scotland, and including appearances in Holland, Germany and

JOHN PASSION IS SUNG AT ROCKEFELLER CHAPEL

Bach's "Passion according to St. John" Bach's "Passion according to St. John" was sung Palm Sunday afternoon at the Rockefeller Chapel of the University of Chicago, Richard Vikstrom conducted the university choir and members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, with Dr. Heinrich Fleischer at the organ.

GRAND RAPIDS CHURCH ORDERS FOUR-MANUAL

SCHANTZ TO BUILD ORGAN

First Reformed Church in Michigan City Will Have Large Instrument in Extensive New Colonial-Style Building.

The Schantz Organ Company has been awarded the contract to build a fourmanual organ, with preparations for a floating positiv and antiphonal echo oran, for the new early-American Colonial central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Central Reformed Church is the oldest Reformed church in Grand Rapids. Its history dates from the founding of the First Reformed Church in 1840, uniting First Reformed Church in 1840, uniting with the Second Reformed Church in 1918 and taking the name Central Reformed Church, which was destroyed by fire in 1953. Desiring to remain as the downtown church of its denomination, the members purchased a new site of over two acres located on a hill overlooking Grand Rapids.

The organ design was drawn up by A. C. Strahle, district manager for Schantz in the mid-west area. Matthews J. Walkotten is minister of music; Mrs. Lloyd Voshel is organist.

The stoplist is as follows:

GREAT ORGAN.

Gemshorn, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
Principal, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Hohlflöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Gemshorn, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Octave. 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Octave. 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Flute Harmonic, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Flute Harmonic, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Fifteenth, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Fourniture. 4 ranks, 244 pipes.
Chimes.
Tremolo.

SWELL ORGAN.

SWELL ORGAN.
Rohrgedeckt, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
Geigen Diapason, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Rohrflöte, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Viole Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Principal, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Waldflöte, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Piccolo, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Piccolo, 2 ft., 64 pipes.
Plein Jeu, 4 ranks, 244 pipes.
Hautbois, 16 ft., 73 pipes.
Trompette, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Fagotto, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Fagotto, 4 ft., 73 pipes.

CHOIR ORGAN.

Viola, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Gedeckt, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Dulciana, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Unda Maris, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Koppelficite, 4 ft., 73 pipes.
Nazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes.
Spitzflöte, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Tierce, 1% ft., 61 pipes.
Clarinet, 8 ft., 73 pipes.
Bombarde, 8 ft., 29 pipes.
Tremolo. Tremolo.

POSITIV ORGAN.

Quintadena, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Nachthorn, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Nazat. 2% ft., 61 pipes. Blockfiöte, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Larigot, 1½ ft., 61 pipes. Sifflöte, 1 ft., 61 pipes. Zymbel, 3 ranks, 183 pipes. Rohrschalmei, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Tremolo.

PEDAL ORGAN.

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Principal, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Gemshorn, 16 ft.
Rohrgedeckt, 16 ft.
Quint, 103 ft.
Octave, 8 ft., 32 pipes.
Bass Flute, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Gemshorn, 8 ft.
Rohrflöte, 8 ft.
Choral Bass, 4 ft., 12 pipes
Bass Flute, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Rohrflöte, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Bass Futte, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Rohrflöte, 4 ft.
Mixture, 3 ranks, 96 pipes.
Double Trumpet, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Contra Hautbois, 16 ft.
Bombarde, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Hautbois, 8 ft.
Clarion, 4 ft., 12 pipes.

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ANTIPHONAL ECHO ORGAN.

Rohrbordun, 16 ft., 61 pipes. Rohrbordun, 16 ft., 61 pipes. Rohrflöte, 8 ft., 12 pipes. Kleine Erzähler, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Erzähler Celeste, 8 ft., 49 pipes. Vox Angelica, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Principal, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Grave Mixture, 2 ranks, 122 pipes. Vox Humana, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Chimes, 25 notes. Tremolo.

ANTIPHONAL ECHO PEDAL ORGAN.

Rohrbordun, 16 ft. Rohrflöte, 8 ft. Principal, 4 ft. Rohrflöte, 4 ft.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERIES

CONTINUES IN LOS ANGELES The Wilshire Christian Church, Los Angeles, is to be host for the April programs in the city's popular series "Sunday Afternoons on Wilshire." The series has as its purpose the giving of concerts with emphasis on the organ every Sunday in the year. It is in its second year, under the sponsorship of the Church Federation of Los Angeles and the local chapter of the A.G.O.

Ronald M. Huntington, organist-choirmaster of the host church, will give a recital Apr. 8 dedicating the new three-manual console and additional pipework recently installed by the Reuter Organ Company. He will play Mozart's Fantasie in F minor, K.608, and a group of pieces by Los Angeles composers, Included in in F minor, R. 608, and a group of pieces by Los Angeles composers. Included in the latter are works by Rayner Brown, Ellis Kohs, Paul Held, Clarence Mader and Richard Keys Biggs. Robert Waters, tenor, will give the first local perform-ance of Sowerby's new song cycle "The Edge of Dreams."

A varied program of sacred and secular works is scheduled for Apr. 15. The Madrigal Singers of Los Angeles State College, under the direction of Francis H. Baxter, will feature smaller ensemble numbers and solos as well as a wide repertory of traditional madrigal literature.

"The Green Blade Riseth," a cantata by Searle Wright, will be sung by the Wilshire Christian Church choir Apr. 22. This will be part of a special service observing National A.G.O. Sunday. Local members of the Guild will take part in the program.

The final concert of the month Apr. 29 is to be the city's fourth annual festival of contemporary sacred music. This year's festival will be devoted entirely to the festival will be devoted entirely to the works of the great Canadian composer, Healey Willan, who recently observed his seventy-fifth birthday. Seven choirs will participate. Featured in the concert will be members of the UCLA Symphonic Band, directed by Clarence Sawhill. They will perform the "Royce Hall Suite", written especially for them by Dr. Willan. Also included in the program is "An Apostrophe to the Heavenly Hosts," for double chorus and two semi-choruses singing antiphonally. Owen W. Brady will conduct the choirs of the First Baptis and Wilshire Christian Churches and the Chapman College Madrigal Singers. The Chapman College Madrigal Singers. The massed choirs, under the direction of Dr. Roberta Bitgood, will conclude the festival with "Sing We Triumphant Songs".

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

TO BE AT MICHIGAN STATE

Michigan State University has announced the dates for the second annual church music workshop to be held on the campus in East Lansing July 8-13 in co-operation with the Michigan and Detroit councils of churches, which share in sponsoring this summer conference.

Dr. Henry Veld of Augustana College, and Dr. Roberta Bitgood of Riverside, Cal., will serve on the workshop faculty, together with Michigan State faculty members: Gean Greenwell, associate professor of music and head of the voice department and Bichard Villali. partment, and Richard Klausli, assistant professor of music.

All sessions will be held in the air-conditioned Kellogg Center. Staff coordina-tor is James P. Autenrith, organ instruc-tor at Michigan State.

The 1955 church music workshop, the first to be held on this campus, was attended by over 130 church musicians from ten states and Canada. The success of this initial venture resulted in immediate plans for this year's workshop and for a continuing program of this kind an-

MARGARET HILLIS



MARGARET HILLIS, noted conductor of the New York Concert Choir, will conduct a series of master class sessions at the Guilmant Organ School this coming

23rd SEASON FOR WA-LI-RO

FEATURES GERALD H. KNIGHT
The Wa-Li-Ro summer choir school
for choir boys will open its twenty-third
season at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, June 18, under the direction of Paul Allen Beymer
and Warren Miller

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The school of music for Episcopal choirmasters will be conducted the week of July 9. The faculty will include: Gerald H. Knight, past-organist and master of the choristers of Canterbury Cathedral, England; George Maybee, organist and master of the choristers of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, Ont., Canada; Dr. Leo Sowerby, organist and choirmaster of St. James' Cathedral, Chicago, and Mr. Beymer of Christ Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Bishop Burroughs of the Diocese of Ohio will address the school

Heights, Ohio. Bishop Burroughs of the Diocese of Ohio will address the school at the final evensong which will be sung in Grace Church, Sandusky, July 13.

Dr. Knight is on a tour of the world visiting Anglican and Episcopal choirs affiliated with the Royal School of Music in England. He recently succeeded Sir Sydney Nicholson, who founded the American Wa-Li-Ro twenty-three years ago, as director of the choir school. He will plan and direct the service in Sandusky. Dr. Sowerby is interested in helping young composers and will review their manuscripts.

The nineteenth annual boy choir festival service will be held in Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, April 29 under the direction of Mr. Beymer and Dr. Sower-by, who will direct his anthem, "My Heart Is Fixed, O God", written for the occa-sion. Warren Miller will be at the organ for the service.

MOTHER OF WILLAM BARNES

DIES IN EVANSTON, ILL., HOME Annette Ann Barnes, widow of the late Charles O. Barnes and mother of William H. Barnes, well-known organ architect and organist, died Feb. 26. Funeral services were held Feb. 28 in the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., where she had been a member for many years. Mrs. Barnes was in her ninety-first year.

Mrs. Barnes was also the mother of Harold Barnes. Both of her sons are connected with the A. R. Barnes Printing Company, which has a plant in Skokie, a suburb of Chicago. This company was formed in 1872 by her husband and his brother, both now deceased.

NEW COWELL CANTATA SUNG

BY N. Y. ORATORIO SOCIETY
Henry Cowell's new cantata for chorus
and orchestra, entitled "If He Please,"
received its first performance Feb. 29
in Carnegie Hall by the Oratorio Society of New York, conducted by William
Strickland Strickland

THE MUSIC INDUSTRY Trade Show will and the New York Trade Show Building, New York City, July 23-26.

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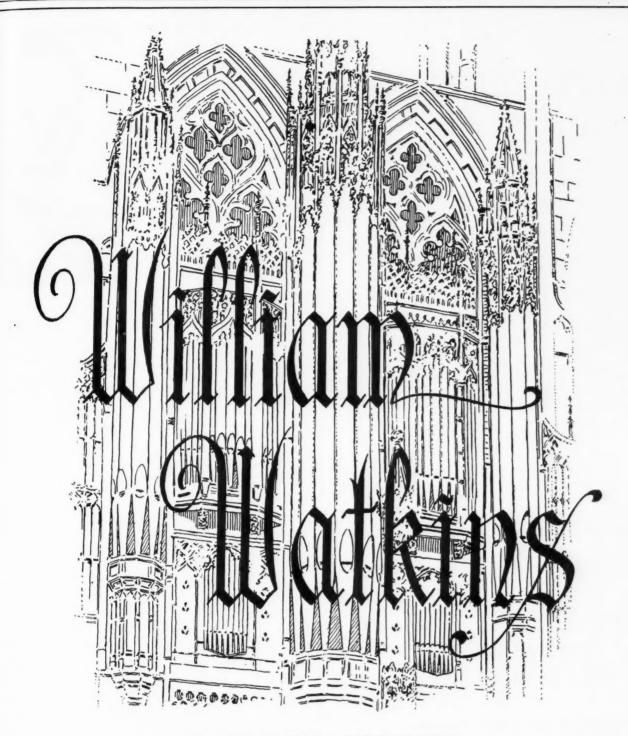
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RECENT PRESS COMMENTS

Washington — William Watkins continually proves himself to be an organist of commanding stature. Last night's program of Christmas organ music was ample evidence of his virtuosity, of his imagination in registration and of his intensely musical phrasing.

(The Evening Star)

Houston — The organ of the newly completed Trinity Lutheran Church had its first major trial Tuesday night by a visiting artist of uncommon eloquence. The recitalist was William Watkins, organist of the celebrated New York Avenue Presbyterian Church of Washington, who was appearing under the auspices of the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A performer of impeccable technique and lofty spirit, Mr. Watkins is also a good hand at making up a program. The selections he offered last evening spanned the centuries and provided an extraordinarily diverse and interesting exercise for his instrument.

(The Houston Post)

St. Louis — McIntosh Music's latest disc is not only "An Adventure in High Fidelity Organ Sound," as its title says, but it also is an adventure in listening to a master ranging the literature from Campra, Handel and Bach down to our own day, to Langlais, Dupré, Brahms and Whitlock. The top-ranking artist is William Watkins of Washington, who meets a whole host of technical challenges brilliantly and so smoothly that we largely are unaware of them. His playing is proportioned, controlled, flexible, shifting easily from style to style.

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Several recital series were held in churches in various parts of the country in the season of Lent. Special Lenten programs were played at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles; the Central Christian Church, Wichita, Kans.; the First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pa.

Frank Owen, organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral, opened the Los Angeles series which was held Friday noons. Florence Hankins, assistant organist of the cathedral, played two programs and Owen Brady, organist and choirmaster of the First Baptist Church, was guest organist Feb. 24. Seven recitals were played in all.

The Wichita Council of Churches sponsored the seventh annual series, played by Dorothy R. Addy May A. A. G.O.

The Wichita Council of Churches sponsored the seventh annual series, played by Dorothy R. Addy, Mus.M., A.A.G.O., organist of the Central Church and on the faculty of Friends University. She was assisted by 'cello and flute March 7 and by harp March 21. All programs were Wednesday noons.

The noon-hour recitals in Columbus were on Fridays. Edward Johe, organist of the First Congregational Church, was in charge, playing four of the programs. Peter Fyfe played Feb. 24 and Elizabeth Lange played March 9. Mr. Johe was assisted by a soprano in one of the recitals.

citals.

J. Herbert Springer played his annual Lenten Series in Hanover, Sunday afternoons. These were held Feb. 26 and March 11 and 25.

March 11 and 25.

Two other series, not associated with Lent, were held at Trinity Church, Torrington, Conn., and Christ Church, Binghamton, N. Y. Charles Billings, organist and director of Trinity Church, played Jan. 29. Guest organists were: Henry Cross, A.A.G.O., Albert C. Sly, A.A.G.O., and Mrs. Jeannette Brown.

Harold C. O'Daniels began playing Thursay-noon recitals in Binghamton, Oct. 13. These have continued throughout the season with an additional monthly program on Sundays. Louise Harkness, assistant organist of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City, N. Y., played Feb. 2. Mr. O'Daniels was assisted by Dr. Harry Lincoln, flute, Jan. 19.

ST. MATTHEW PASSION SUNG

BY EVANSTON CHURCH CHOIR

BY EVANSTON CHURCH CHOIR

Dr. Austin C. Lovelace directed the choir of the First Methodist Church in Evanston, Ill., in Bach's "Passion according to St. Matthew" March 18. Lois Lundvall was organist, and the well-known tenor, Harold Haugh, sang the part of the evangelist.

RICHARD CONNELLY



RICHARD CONNELLY has been appointed organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Church, Westfield, N. J., succeeding Marie Schumacher Blatz. Mr. Connelly has served in similar capacities at All Saints' Church, Syracuse, N. Y., and the Community Congregational Church, Short Hills, N. J.

Mr. Connelly received the Mus. B. and

Hills, N. J.

Mr. Connelly received the Mus. B. and
Mus. M. degrees in piano from the Oberlin Conservatory. After two years in the
U. S. Air Force he attended Syracuse
University and received the Mus. M. in
organ. His organ study has been with
Arthur Poister, Ernest White, Heinrich
Fleischer, Grigg Fountain, Fenner Douglas and at the Organ Institute.

FIRST CRAIGHEAD RECITAL PLAYED AT EASTMAN SCHOOL

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David Craighead, new head of the organ department of the Eastman School of Music, gave his first public recital in Rochester in Kilbourn Hall Feb. 28. This was one of the attractions in the Kilbourn Hall Artist Series. The organist was greeted by a large and warmly-appreciative audience. Rochester reviewers spoke highly of the recital. "Delicacy and refinement, strength and power were mingled," said the Democrat and Chronicle, "Mr. Craighead's articulation is clear and his technique fluent," according to the Times-Union reviewer.

The program opened with the Vivaldi-

Times-Union reviewer.

The program opened with the Vivaldi-Bach Concerto in A minor, and continued with the Buxtehude Chorale Fantasie, "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," the Bach Toccata in F major, the Roger-Ducasse Pastorale, a Fugue by Honegger, and two meditations from "The Ascension" by Messiaen. Extra numbers were an Andante by Mozart, and Prelude and Fugue in G minor by Dupré.

In addition to his duties at the Eastman School, Mr. Craighead is organist of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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Atlantic Union College Has Instrument Dedicated by Virgil Fox—Einar Olsen and Melvin West Drew Specification.

A dedicatory recital was played Feb. 15 on the new Möller organ in the Machlin Auditorium at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., by Virgil Fox, who fully utilized the tonal resources of the instrument. Einar Olsen, New York representative for M. P. Möller, Inc., drew up the specifications in consultation with Melvin West, A.A.G.O., organ and theory instructor at the college. Mr. West, who did undergraduate work with Claire Coci, received his M. Mus. degree at the University of Redlands under Dr. Leslie P. Spelman.

The organ is of the "American classic" style. The positiv and a few other stops are prepared for but have yet to be added. The positiv will be playable from the choir manual. The resources of the complete organ will be:

GREAT ORGAN.

Quintade, 16 ft., 61 pipes.

Prinzipal, 8 ft., 61 pipes.

Bourdon, 8 ft., 61 pipes.

Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes.

Prinzipal, 2 ft., 61 pipes.

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Fourniture, 3 ranks, 183 pipes.

Chimes, 25 tubes.

Tremulant.

SWELL ORGAN.
Rohrflöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Viol de Gambe, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Viole Celeste, 8 ft., 49 pipes.
Koppelflöte, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Spitzprinzipal, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Cymbal, 3 ranks, 183 pipes.
Trompette, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Rohr Schalmel, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Tremulant.

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Loch Gedeckt, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Erzähler, 8 ft., 61 pipes.
Unda Maris, 8 ft., 49 pipes.
Nachthorn, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
Nazard, 2½ ft., 61 pipes.
Nazard, 2½ ft., 61 pipes.
Terz, 1½ ft., 61 pipes.
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POSITIV ORGAN

Quintflöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes Zartflöte, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Prinzipal, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Larigot, 1½ ft., 61 pipes. Sifflöte, 1 ft., 61 pipes. Tremulant.

PEDAL ORGAN.

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Subbass, 16 ft., 32 pipes.

Quintade, 16 ft., 12 pipes.

Rohrflöte, 16 ft., 12 pipes.

Prinzipal, 8 ft., 32 pipes.

Rohrflöte, 8 ft.

Quint, 5½ ft., 32 pipes.

Cotave, 4 ft., 12 pipes.

Rohrflöte, 4 ft.

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16 ft.		4 ft. Octave
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THE MOZART BI-CENTENNIAL

At the Church of the Ascension in New York City, Vernon de Tar, organist and choirmaster, has been observing the Mozart bi-centennial with Mozart works at the morning services, a recital Feb. 19 with the three works for mechanical organ and the soprano motet and the Requiem Mass and "Ave Verum" Feb. 27. At the morning services these Mozart pieces were performed in January and February: "O God, When Thou Appearest," "Adoramus Te" "Laudate Dominum" and "Sing to Jehovah" from the "Litany in B flat."

Honegger's "King David" and a part of the Fauré Requiem were sung Jan. 30. At three organ recitals Feb. 26, March 4 and 11, the entire "Orgelbüchlein" by Bach, was played together with several preludes and fugues, solo cantatas and arias.

HEWLETT DIRECTS WORKS

AT CALVARY CHURCH IN N. Y.
On Palm Sunday, March 25, the choir of Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City, sang for the twentieth year Bach's "Passion according to St. John." David Hewlett directed.
In October Mozart's Requiem was given. November featured the first performance for Calvary of Handels "Judas Maccabaeus." December included Britteris "Ceremony of Carols." In January Kodaly's Missa Brevis was given for the first time in Calvary along with two solo cantatas by Buxtehude. The choir sang a program of early music Feb. 26 with works by Hassler, Palestrina and Ruffo. William Self of St. Thomas' Church played French and Italian pieces.

DONALD McDONALD TO OPEN

REUTER ORGAN IN KANSAS
Donald McDonald will play the opening

Donald McDonald will play the opening recital on the new Reuter organ at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lawrence, Kans., Apr. 8. Mr. McDonald returned to New York City from playing recitals in St. Louis, Little Rock and Texarkana in time to play a Lenten recital at the Church of wm. J. HAWKINS APPOINTED
TO CHURCH IN BAYONNE, N. J.
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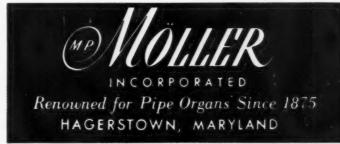
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[Mr. Blanton, an architect in Albany, Tex., is the author of the forthcoming book "The Organ in Church Design." This article is me description of an organ he visited gathering material for his book.]

The organ in Notre Dame de Valère

The organ in Notre Dame de Valère at Sion, Switzerland, is known to every serious student of organ history and design because it is reputedly the oldest playable organ extant. But no one who has not seen it can realize the visual beauty of the instrument itself or the utter charm of its setting.

Sion, or Sitten in German, situated on the Rhone River in Valaise, would be, I should think, a fascinating place in any season of the year, although seeing it as I did in the brisk warmth of the November sunshine could hardly be surpassed.

The Romanesque stone walls of Valère seem to grow out of the rock on which it is perched high above the little town. The rock rises out of the valley of the Rhone and the valley is enclosed by the snow-covered ridges and peaks of the Alps, dominated by the Bietschorn which rises 11,200 feet above the level of Sion.

When I asked the clerk at the Auberge de la Gare if I could take a bus or taxi to the Church of Valère, he looked at me wonderingly and said, "No, it is impossible, but you can walk to it in twenty minutes". As I trudged up the steep, stony way like a pilgrim, I understood the wonder in his face, for one could not ride even a bicycle to Valère, But the wonder to me was that I could walk in twenty minutes from the rails of the Simplon-Orient Express into such a mediaeval atmosphere as that which awaited me. diaeval atmosphere as that which awaited

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After I left the narrow passage-ways between the houses of Sion, the approach to Valère became rocky and somewhat barren with only scattered bushes among the patches of grass. In every direction the Alps rose up in all their magnificence.

Past barberry bushes full of red berries and through the stone gateway which gives access to the fortress-like enclosure near the summit of the rock, I found myself in the Middle Ages. These ancient stone walls, which have seen centuries of history, were enlivened by the brilliant autumn foliage of the trees within the outer walls, and the stones on which people had trod literally since Roman times were almost obliterated by the fallen leaves. High above, a single dwarfed pine tree clung tenaciously to the rocks below the apse.

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At the portal the caretaker was summoned by a quaint bell and I was escorted up a stairway and across a room floored with heavy wide planks, which ended wherever the natural rock rose higher than the floor level, and at last into the church, itself a veritable museum, was already old when the organ was built in the late fourteenth century. The organ, it is said, was brought by mule back from a raid into Savoy.

It is in a cul-de-lampe hung on the wall of the west end. The polychrome woodwork, the unpainted front pipes and the paintings on the doors unite to make a pleasing spot of color against the stone wall.

The paintings on the exterior surfaces

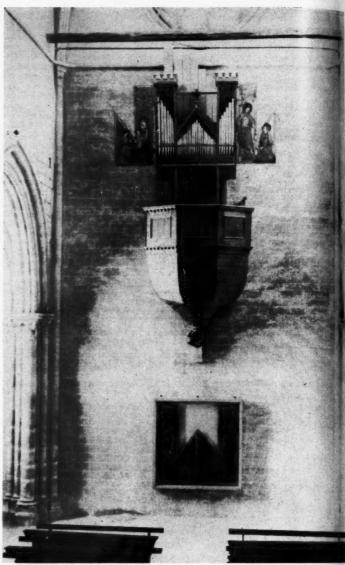
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The paintings on the exterior surfaces of the doors depict the Annunciation, that on the inside face of the left door shows the Infant Jesus placing a ring on the finger of St. Catherine, and the subject of the right hand door is the meeting of Mary Magdalene and Jesus in the garden. The Annunciation painting has been removed from the organ but it is still in the church.

In 1954 the organ was renovated, but I was assured that the original pipes were used in the restoration. The front pipes show some nicking which must have been done long after the organ was built; I was not able to remove any of the interior pipes to examine their mouths.

At the renovation the wooden parapet was lowered and the lattice work was removed, thus displaying the organ to much greater advantage and making a better architectural composition. The

SWISS ORGAN IN NOTRE DAME DE VALERE



wooden pedal pipes showing behind the case, obviously a late addition, mar the appearance and, I think, should have been removed when the organ was restored.

There are seven metal draw knobs—three at the left of the single manual and four at the right, controlling a four-foot coupler and the following stops: Prinzipal 8-ft., Octaf 4-ft., Superoctaf 2-ft., Quint Major 1½-ft. 2½-ft., Quint Minor 1½-ft. and Mixtur (2 ranks) 1-ft. A wooden draw-knob controls the pedal pipes; the nine pedal keys are coupled to the manual. to the manual.

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The thickness of the case at manual level is 1134 inches and at chest level it is only 16½ inches from front to back which is something to be marvelled at when one considers that there are eight ranks of pipes. The longest front pipe is a four-foot.

I found the tone of the organ to be primitive, quaint and altogether pleasing.

MINNESOTA CHOIR SINGS REQUIEMS IN CATHEDRAL

The 300-voice choir of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., performed the "German Requiem" of Brahms, Feb. 19 at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, Minneapolis, under the direction of Ian Morton. Edward Berryman, organist-choirmaster of the cathedral, was organist-choirmaster of the cathedral, was organisted.

A capacity crowd of more than 1,000 persons was in attendance at a performance of Verdi's Requiem by the cathedral choir Feb. 26. Augmented by voices from the Macalester College Choir, brass and tympani, the event was conducted by Mr. Morton with Mr. Berryman at the organ.

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TWO SESSIONS TO BE HELD OF CHRISTIANSEN SCHOOL

sessions of the Christiansen Choral

Two sessions of the Christiansen Choral School have been scheduled for the summer of 1956 with the first meeting set for Penn Hall at Chambersburg, Pa, July 8 to 14. The second session will be held at Concordia College in River Forest, Ill., just a few miles west of the Chicago loop, August 12 to 18.

The faculty this year will be headed by Olaf C. Christiansen with Peter D. Tkach, supervisor of music in the Minneapolis schools, and Gerhard Schroth, director of music at Luther High School North in Chicago. Reading sessions of new and standard literature, the choral workshop, choral conducting, school music problems, new school materials and the church choir in all its phases will be covered at both sessions.

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The following organ numbers were played by Wilma Leamon: Franck, Chorale in A minor and "Cantabile"; Bach, "O Man, Bemoan Thy Fearful Sin"; Vierne, Prelude, Pastorale and Finale from Symphony 1.

MARGA LINK.

ANOTHER ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN CHICAGO GUTTED BY FIRE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chicago was gutted by fire March 16. Although the parish house was saved, the interior of the church, including the four-manual Austin organ, was completely destroyed. The large music library suffered water damage, but according to Robert Rayfield expensits and choirmatter mest of field, organist and choirmaster, most of it has been dried and saved. Services are

being continued in the parish house.

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The President's Column

Tangible evidence of the effectiveness of the current pre-convention A.G.O. expansion drive is being received continually at national headquarters. Great numbers of newly-elected and reinstated members are being received each month, new chapters are being organized, Guild student groups are being formed and incidentally the number of applications from candidates for all the Guild examinations condates for all the Guild examinations continues to be unusually large. The new chapters are: Haddonfield, N. J.; Rockford, Ill.; Kinston-Rocky Mount, (Tarboro, N. C.); Burlington, N. C., and Juniata Valley, (Lewistown, Pa.). Guild student groups: Lake Charles, La.; Howard County Junior College, Big Springs, Tex.; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.; Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and State Teachers' College, Mayville, Mo.

It is a matter of note that many of the reports received at headquarters from chapters are rich in worthwhile projects of such a varied and beneficial nature. It is difficult to choose from so many, but

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The Northern Valley Chapter (Englewood, N.J.) has provided an annual scholarship of \$500 for four years for a

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studies in one of the best music schools.

The Hartford Chapter gave a concert for the benefit of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, and a check for \$1,383.95 was sent to A.G.O. headquarters and promptly forwarded to the fellowship for the use of Dr. Schweitzer in his hospital work in

Attention is hereby called to a practical matter which we earnestly request all members of the A.G.O. to keep in mind members of the A.G.O. to keep in mind and thus correct an error which at times becomes embarrassing, to say the least. When applying for transfer from one chapter to another, the constitution requires that any member shall have paid dues to the chapter he has held membership in. Will you all please conform and earn the gratitude of all treasurers?

Those who have been so fortunate as to see the complete New York City.

A.G.O. convention program declare it something to "rave" about. The writer of this column is among the number. You will rave when you receive a copy.
S. Lewis Elmer.

Schreiber Wins Composition Contest. Winner of the A.G.O. organ composition contest for 1955-56 is Frederick C. Schreiber of New York City. The winning composition, which will be published by the H. W. Gray Company, Inc., is Variations on Bach's "Komm, süsser

The board of judges were: M. Searle Wright, F.A.G.O., Dr. Joseph W. Clokey and Paul Creston.

Student Group Convention to Be Held.

The University of Redlands Student Group is sponsoring a Guild Student Group convention to be held Apr. 14 at the university. S. Lewis Elmer, national president, says that this is the first such convention. Organ students from colleges and universities all over Southern California and the neighboring areas are expected to attend. Although it is a Guild Student Group convention, all members of the A.G.O. and friends are invited to attend. There will be a registration fee of 50¢ and a banquet fee of \$1.50. This low figure was set to encourage the attendance of as many students as possible. Those who wish to attend the banquet must make reservations no later than Apr. 12. Banquet reservations should be addressed to Charles Shaffer, president, University of Redlands Student Group, American Guild of Organists, 807½ East High Avenue, Redlands, Cal.

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The Kansas City Chapter sponsored a two-day choral workshop Feb. 12 and 13 with Dr. Austin Lovelace, minister of music of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., as director. Dr. Lovelace concluded the workshop with an organ recital of service music on the Pels organ at the Old Mission Church where the workshop was held. A coffee honoring Dr. Lovelace was held at the home of Mrs. George P. Williams, sub-dean of the chapter, Sunday afternoon when officers and members of the executive committee met the director.

Chapter members were guests Feb. 19

Chapter members were guests Feb. 19 at a vesper service at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, where they witnessed the procession of the Blessed Sacrament following vespers. They were taken into the kitchens where the altar bread is made, the convent supplying altar bread for all of the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. This task is the main project of the sisters of the convent. Memproject of the sisters of the convent. Members of the Guild enjoyed coffee and cakes served by the sisters in the convent dining room following the service.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER—Jean Langlais, the blind organist from Ste. Clothilde Church in Paris, played a recital at St. John's Cathedral Jan. 29. This recital was sponsored by the Albuquerque Chapter under the deanship of Mrs. Virginia Simpson. About stxhundred persons attended the recital. Mr. Selby guided M. Langlais to the console and no further assistance was needed; the audience paid the organist the tribute of complete silence. Three characteristics seem to highlight M. Langlais' performance—perfect technique, well-balanced tone combinations and faithful memory. No serious work can be accomplished at the keyboard without adequate technique; a musical ear may also ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER-Jean Lang be accomplished at the keyboard without adequate technique; a musical ear may also be a guide in selecting tone-colors, while a perfect memory is a special gift. M. Langlais improvised on a given theme for several minutes. After the recital a reception was given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Hammons. The next day a master class was organized at which twenty members were present. Marian Henry and Wesley Selby played for the criticism of the master. In his travels M. Langlais is accompanied by his niece, Mile. Monique Legendre.—O. Goulet, S.S., Ch.M.

Nominations of Officers

Nominations for National Officers and Councillors for the year 1956-57 are: President—S. Lewis Elmer, A.A.G.O., F.T.C.L.

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Vice-President—Seth Bingham, Mus.Doc.,
F.A.G.O.
Secretary—M. Searle Wright, F.A.G.O.
Treasurer—John Holler, A.A.G.O.
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Councillors for term ending 1959 (vote for eight): Lester W. Berenbroick, A.A.G.O., Melville Charlton, Mus.Doc., A.A.G.O., Wallace M. Coursen, Jr., A.A.G.O., Rev. Joseph R. Foley, C.S.P., Ch.M., Henry S. Fusuer, S.M.D., A.A.G.O., Peter M. Fyfe, Marguerite Havey, Russell E. Hayton, A.A.G.O., Walter N. Hewitt, A.A.G.O., Ch.M., F.T.C.L., David F. Hewlett, Norman Hollett, F.A.G.O., Ch.M., Peter C. Jensen, A.A.G.O., Viola Lang, A.A.G.O., Thelma Mount, A.A.G.O., George E. Powers, F.A.G.O., Christopher S. Tenley. Willard Irving Nevins, F.A.G.O., is chairman of the Nominating Committee. National Annual Meeting.

National Annual Meeting. To all members of the American Guild of Organists:

Notice is hereby given that the national annual meeting of the American Guild of Organists will be held Monday afternoon, May 14, 1956, at 3 o'clock in the choir room of St. Bartholomew's Church, 109 East Fiftieth Street, New York City, for the following purposes: (1) To elect national officers and councillors; (2) to

transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Every member of the Guild is cordially invited to attend this meeting, but those who cannot attend in person are requested either to cast their ballots at the meetings either to cast their ballots at the meetings held by their local chapters for this purpose, or to sign the proxy attached to the national ballot and mail the ballot with proxy to national headquarters so that it will be received not later than May 14. National ballots are being sent in quantities to all deans and regents, thus enabling all members of chapters and branches to vote in the national elecand branches to vote in the national election. A list enumerating the national A.G.O. activities and organ and choir positions of the nominees for council are also being sent to deans and regents for

During the past few years we here at headquarters have been very much gratified over the large number of ballots cast in the national election. We confidently expect a truly representative ballot this year—even larger than last year—from all parts of the country.

M. SEARLE WRIGHT,

National Secretary.

Council Appointments

The National Council, after consideration of several nominations received from deans of chapters, has appointed Dr. Lesdeans of chapters, has appointed Dr. Les-lie P. Spelman, F.A.G.O., regional chair-man of the Far-Western Region, and Mrs. Philip E. Turner of Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont, as state chair-man for Montana. Terms of both extend until June 30, 1957.

SETH BINGHAM, National Chairman.

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CENTRAL ARIZONA CHAPTER—The Central Arizona Chapter has increased its colleague and subscriber membership from forty-four of last year to eighty-three this year. We hope that we will make it eighty-eight before the end of this year. There is a definite increase of interest in good organ music in the Valley of the Sun. We would like to share with you some of the most "quotable quotes" from our January roundtable discussion. Matthew Sloan, organist of the First Baptist Church, "The brilliant preduce competes favorably with the confusion at the beginning of the service. It knocks ideas out of the minds of the congregation. The organ then decreases as the service approaches the prayer." Dr. Ivan Bell, paster of the First Baptist Church, "The entire music staff of the church must believe in one goal. They must be happy in the job and do that job well." Naomi Showers, "As chairman of the music committee, I present three budgets, (1) dream budget, (2) present three budgets, (1) dream budget, (2) present three budgets, and (3) the must budget, " CENTRAL ARIZONA CHAPTER—The Cenchairman of the music committee, I present three budgets, (1) dream budget, (2) preferred budget and (3) the must budget."...

The February meeting of the Central Arizona chapter was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. The program was played by Byr Della Sankey Feely and Thyra Pliske Leithold . . E. Power Biggs was sponsored at the First Presbyterian Church March 4 in conjunction with the Westem Division of the Music Teachers National Association convention.—Berneil Maxey, Dean.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER—The
Southern Arizona Chapter sponsored Dr.
Irene Robertson, professor of organ at the
University of Southern California, in a recital March 4 at the Masonic Temple in
Tucson. Dr. Robertson performed works by
Reger and Vierne, as well as Handel's Concerto 5 and the G major Prelude and
Fugue by Bach. She also played the "Musical Clocks" by Dupré, with whom she
studied in France. After the recital the
members of the Guild, with their husbands
and wives, held a dinner for Dr. Robertson
at El Merendero Tea Room.—Mrs. Walter
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TEXARKANA CHAPTER—Mrs. William Hibbitts was in charge of a program for members and guests of the Texarkana Chapter Feb. 25 at the First Methodist Church. For the musical part of the program. Miss Joan Junkin and Mrs. Hibbitts played. Miss Dorothy Elder gave a review of news items of interest to organists. At the business session, conducted by Miss Ruth Turner, dean, plans were completed for the recital by Donald McDonald. The chapter sponsored Mr. McDonald March 2 at the First Methodist Church. He is a member of the faculty of the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N. J. Throughout the recital, Mr. McDonald showed excellent musicianship, taste in registration and technical control.

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ST JOHN'S STUDENT GROUP—Charles

ST JOHN'S STUDENT GROUP—Charles Ore, a sophomore at St. John's College, Win-field, Kans., was sponsored in a recital Feb. 12 in the St. John's Auditorium. Mr. Ore is majoring in music and is planning to continue his education at Concordia Teacher's College, Seward, Neb. The program included numbers by Harriet Stolp, a voice student at St. John's . . . The St. John's Group will give an organ program for the Winfield Chapter March 6, and March 11 Miss Loma Starck, a pupil of Miss Alma Nomensen, will be sponsored in a recital. 12 in the St. John's Auditorium. Mr. On

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Hartford Chapter Tops
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The Hartford, Conn., Chapter for the second consecutive year has topped the nation with its contribution to the Schweitzer Fellowship, this year sending a check for \$1,400 which is \$200 over that of last season.

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Robert Brawley, organist and choir director at Trinity Church in Hartford, conducted an exceptionally well-chosen program for organ and orchestra featuring Clarence E. Watters, head of the music department at Trinity College and organist and choir director at St. John's Church in West Hartford. Mr. Watters was assisted by members of the Hartt College Orchestra in the Handel Concerto 5, four Mozart Sonatas for organ and strings and the Poulenc Organ Concerto, and included the Mozart F minor Fantasie during the evening collection. For this concert, Mr. Watters chose to use the fine organ at St. John's, built to his own specifications by 'the Austin Organ Company of Hartford. This instrument has been used by Mr. Watters for his latest group of recordings of French and German Baroque organ works issued by Classic Recordings.

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t the ng by Miss y and Much of the success of this concert, both musically and financially, was due to the excellent planning and management of Robert Brawley, serving his second year as chairman of the Schweitzer Benefit. Although Mr. Brawley has been in Hartford a comparatively short time, he has become a vital member of the musical community. In addition to his Trinity Church post, he is organist and choir director at Temple Beth Israel in West Hartford, director of the Hartford Symphony Chorale and this season was appointed to the staff of the Hartt College of Music.

The chapter sponsored its final concert of the season March 4, also conducted by Mr. Brawley. The Trinity Church choir sang a group of unusual choral works spanning several centuries of writing, including the seventeenth-century Vivaldi Gloria, a group of early-American a cappella choruses and the Missa Brevis by Kodaly, contemporary Hungarian composer. The choir was assisted by members of the Hartt College Orchestra in the Vivaldi. The Kodaly Mass is one of the few major choral works to be scored originally for organ accompaniment. Mr. Watters was organist.

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NEW HAVEN CHAPTER—Due to the serious illness of John Seddon, organist and cholr director of the Church of the Holy Infant in Orange, our scheduled February meeting was changed, and in its place we were invited to attend the rehearsal of the Yale Glee Club Feb. 28 at Hendrie Hall. Fenno Heath conducted the Hindemith number which the Yale Glee Club is going to sing with the Smith College girls. After the rehearsal Mr. Heath gave a talk on sixteen items which he uses in his choral conducting classes. He spoke about the connection of rhythm, tone, breathing, phrasing, dynamics, pitch, cut-offs, balance, range and tessitura. At the close of his talk there was a question and answer period.—Mary Caecilla Doran.

BROCKTON, MASS., CHAPTER—The Brockton Chapter held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. B. Bassett of Bridgewater with Miss Margaret S. Keith as hostess, assisted by Mrs. May W. Bassett and William Moss. A short business meeting was followed by a program of recordings by the well-known organist, Marilyn Mason. She had recorded these numbers on the St. John's Chapel organ of Groton School and were by composers such as Bach, Walther, Kerll, Wright and Copeland. Adding to our evening of listening to excellent music, a new member, William Peterson, played two fine piano solos. He has recently been a soloist with the Brockton Orchestral Society and is organist of the First Parish Congregational Church. Refreshments were served by the committee and a social hour brought to a close another friendly and interesting meeting. . . . The internationally-known organist, E. Power Biggs, was the soloist for the fifth annual recital sponsored by the Brockton Chapter Oct. 17 at the First Baptist Church. In a varied program Mr. Biggs played works by Handel, Purcell, Bach, Franck, Schumann and others before a large and apreciative audience. Following his recital Mr. Biggs was entertained by the Guild at a coffee hour held at the First Lutheran church. . . . The November meeting was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. After a short business meeting the choir director, Arnold Johnstad, gave a very informative talk on church music in Norway. Mrs. Arnold Johnstad, organist at St. Paul's Church, demonstrated on the organ the musical parts of the Norwegian church service. This was a very interesting meeting. . . A social evening in December took place as a Christmas party. After dinner at a near-by inn there was an exchange of gifts and a merry evening for all. . . The first meeting of the new year followed a pot-luck supper at the home of Dean Carl Bertram Swanson. At the business meeting reports were read and accepted and there was a discussion about the annual public service program to be given in the spring. Members planne

Chairman.

BANGOR, MAINE, CHAPTER—Members of the Bangor Chapter held their March meeting in the vestry of the Church of Universal Fellowship, Orono, March 6. Etelle Peterson, dean, presided over the business meeting at which time the Rev. Peter Gorham, choir-master of St. Mary's Catholic Church, was elected to membership. Copies of the new Guild publication, "The A.G.O. Quarterly," were distributed to members in good standing. Mrs. Gertrude Bragg was appointed secretary to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Pearl Wood, resigned. The dean announced that the April meeting will be held at the Columbia Street Baptist Church Apr. 17, at which time members of the chapter will have their annual pianoorgan recital. The group adjourned to the church auditorium to hear a recital on the Buftum Memorial Hammond electronic organ by Wilfrid Tremblay, newest member of the chapter, assisted by Mary Saunders Tremblay, soprano.—Etelle Peterson, Dean.

BOSTON CHAPTER—The Boston Chapter held a very interesting meeting in the parish house of the Old South Church Feb. 20. The meeting was preceded by a fine roast-beef dinner at which 100 members and guests were present. The guest of the evening was the distinguished choral conductor, Hugh Ross of New York City. A group of chapter members and friends had been organized

into a choral group and trained by past-dean Grover J. Oberle. Mr. Ross' inspired directing of a group of Lenten anthems showed a truly professional quality of tone and diction. The singers performed as if they were used to singing together and displayed great facility of technique and interpretation. The next event of the season was an organ recital by Ruth Barrett Phelps at the First Church of Christ, Scientist March 12.—David Ashley Cotton.

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS., CHAPTER—The Springfield Chapter has enjoyed a very profitable fall and winter season. Activities opened Sept. 11 with the annual silver tea and reception for new officers. Our pastororganist dinner Oct. 10 at the First Congregational Church of West Springfield was presided over by our new dean. Philip O. Buddington, and was graced by the presence of Dr. James A. Robinson of the Church of the Master, Presbyterian, New York City. Dr. Robinson in his talk touched on all phases of church music. He asked for greater co-operation between the organist and minister, more imagination in the use of music and at least one Sunday set aside each year for the teaching of new hymns. The oratorio sing, which was so successfully-inaugurated last year, was repeated this year as a celebration of our ninth birthday with Prescott Barrows directing about 200 members and friends in singing Haydn's "Creation". This took place at the Faith Congregational Church Nov. 14. . . . We traveled to Smith College, Northampton, Jan. 9. We were privileged to hear Miss Iva Dee Hiatt, director of choral music at the college. . . . We enjoyed a memorable recital Feb. 5 on the beautiful Casavant organ at St. Michael's Cathedral where three of our members played the test pieces for the 1956 associateship and fellowship examinations. Participating were: LeRoy Hanson, organist at Hope Congregational Church, Robert Swan of the South Congregational Church and George Hart of St. Michael's Cathedral. Officers of the Springfield Chapter for the 1955-56 season are as follows: Dean, Philip O. Buddington; secretary, Mildred P. Wells, and treasurer, Helen B. King.—MILDRED WELLS, Secretary.

BRIDGEPORT CHAPTER—The eighth annual pastor-organist dinner of the Bridgeport Chapter was held at the Town House Feb. 13 with over 100 members and guests in attendance. After a very fine dinner Harris Bartlett, secretary, called the roll and members introduced their pastors and other guests. Dean Phyllis McCurry called upon Robert Lenox to report on the organ recital to be given by Claire Coci at the United Congregational Church March 6. Mrs. Florence Beebe Hill, program chairman, introduced the speaker of the evening, Cantor Z. David Levy, cantor and musical director of Congregation Beth-El in Norwalk. Cantor Levy spoke on the "Character and Development of Jewish Music". It was a very enlightening talk, after which he invited questions from the audience. Many illustrations of Jewish music were sung by a quartet comprised of the following: Susan Kopp, soprano; Eleanor Weigle, contralto; Damon Weber, tenor, and Richard Humphrey, bass, directed by Cantor Levy, and accompanied by Dean Phyllis McCurry.

Portland, Maine, Chapter—At the regular monthly meeting of the chapter, which was held Feb. 20 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Cathedral Choristers, under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry Boltz, sang a mass. The choristers, numbering about sixty, had a remarkably-fine soprano section, whose ablity to sing as one-voice was outstanding. Their singing of the mass reflected the spiritual character and highly-trained musical talent of their director. Many of the selections were Gregorian chant and were

sung with a perfection and artistry which were inspiring. Both the "proper" of the mass and the "common" of the mass were included. Of special interest was the Credo from the Missa Brevis by the Polish composer, Furmanik, and a motet by Suriano, of the sixteenth century "Ave Regina Coelorum". A Kyrie from "Missa Secunda" by Hassler, concluded the program. A short business meeting followed when Dr. Alfred Brinkler, F.A.G.O., gave an interesting report of the fiftieth anniversary dinner of the Boston Chapter of which he is the only living charter member.—Marion F. Fernall.

WATERBURY, CONN., CHAPTER—The pastor-organist dinner was held at the Elton Hotel Jan. 9. The Rev. Robert Porter and Mrs. Jeannette Brown, program chairman, were in charge of arrangements and program. Lewis Mell furnished the hi-fi equipment for the evening. Following the dinner, which was attended by sixty members and guests, the Rev. Fr. Edward Rooney, choir director of St. Thomas' Seminary in Bloomfield, spoke about the origin of Gregorian chant and its developments through the centuries. Recordings of the chant by the monks of the Abbey of Solesmes were played. The Rev. Nathaniel Whitcomb, curate at St. John's Episcopal Church, followed with a talk on "Music in Liturgical Churches". Recorded music of Palestrina's Sanctus and Benedictus and excerpts from Bach's "St. John Passion" were given. Dean Robert Requa's subject was on "Church Music in the Non-Liturgical Form of Worship". We enjoyed hearing recordings of contemporary anthems by the Oberlin College Choir and Naugatuck Congregational Church Choir, Mr. Requa, director-organist. Anthems were also sung by the attending group. Our dean's closing sentence was "Raising the standard of church music is the work of the A.G.O.". The entire evening proved to be most enjoyable and enlightening.—Mrs. Lucien A. Dergouin, Registrar.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER—The fortyfirst public program under the auspices of
the New Hampshire Chapter was an organ
recital given at the First Congregational
church in Manchester by members of the
Student Group, pupils of Professor Irving D.
Bartlett of the University of New Hampshire.
The program was a pleasing variety of selections and was varied by two organ-plano
numbers and a violin solo by Miss Patricia
Ellis with Professor Bartley at the organ.
The list of students included: Miss Linda
Blanchard, Miss Joanne Spencer, Miss Jane
Andrew, Miss Katherine Bresnahan, Miss
Judith Vogel, Miss Jane Frisbee and Richard
Gaudette... The chapter plans to send out
a newsletter to members who are asked to
contribute items of musical interest which
should be sent to Miss Ruth Sisson... The
January meeting of the chapter was held at
St. Catherine's church, and the Rev. Donald
M. Osgood gave a lecture on church music.
Miss Josephine Coakley served refreshments.
—Helen M. Lombard.

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LONG ISLAND CHAPTER—The first of what is hoped will be an annual meeting of organists and their clergymen was held Jan. 15 at the New Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, where our dean, Mrs. Ralph Gode, is organist. A delicious dinner opened the affair. The highlight of the evening was an address by Dr. Seth Bingham. Dr. Bingham gave interesting commentaries on well-known organists whom he knew personally.

. A group of about fifty members met Feb. 12 at the Nassau Community Temple, West Hempstead. Our dean is organist here, also. Rabbi Sydney Ballon and Cantor Boris Greizdorf explained and illustrated various phases of the Jewish Liturgy. After the prepared portion, the rabbi graciously answered many questions in the minds of the members.

—Sophy Toppin, Recording Secretary.

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YOUNGSTOWN CHAPTER—The church's responsibility in providing the best in music was brought out by Isa McIlwraith as guest speaker at the annual clergy-organist dinner held by the Youngstown Chapter at the Central Christian Church Feb. 13. Miss McIlwraith is organist and choir director and associate professor of music at the University of Chattanooga. She was sponsored by the Guild in music at the University of Chattanooga. She was sponsored by the Guild in public recital at Trinity Methodist Church Feb. 12. Walter Horsley, dean of the chapter, introduced Miss McIlwraith. The Rev. Samuel G. Warr offered the invocation and the Rev. W. Frederic Miller directed group singing. The Pro Art Trio, Lurames Michels, violinist, Mussie Eidelman, 'cellist, and Wilhelmene Greene, pianist, played beautifully Mendelssohn's Trio in D minor. Acting as hosts and hostesses were the minister and director of music at Central Church and their wives, the Rev. and Mrs. Beryl S. Kinser and Mr. and Mrs. James S. Miller.

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KENNETH OSBORNE AT FORT SMITH CHAPTER



organ at the University of Arkansas, spoke at the March 5 meeting of the Fort Smith, Ark., Chapter of the A.G.O. and

LEXINGTON, KY., CHAPTER—The Lexington Chapter conducted a recognition service at the January meeting for the following new members: Mrs. E. M. Woodward, Mrs. W. C. Story, Mrs. E. F. Rogers, Mrs. Sam R. Cheek, Jr., John R. Fryer and Lewis Henry Horton.

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WABASH VALLEY CHAPTER—The Wabash Valley Chapter has had a successful year of recitals by local organists, Dr. Lawrence Eberly and William Balduzzi, and a program of organ and choral music at St. Mary's College. D. Robert Smith, A.A.G.O., Bates College, Maine, played a recital at St. Stephen's Church, followed by a lecture and pictures from the A.G.O. group on a European tour last summer. Dr. Van Denman Thompson played a recital Feb. 19 at the Central Christian Church. Frederick Black, in a local newspaper, said of Dr. Thompson's playing, "Today he is as much at home in the baroque style of organ playing, so much favored at present, as he was in the more romantic and colorful style of organ playing that found favor a quarter of a century ago," An organ and choral vespers was held March 4 at the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church with Mrs. Irvin Hooper, organist.—Amelia Meyer, Dean.

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INDIANA CHAPTER—One of the largest meetings of the Indiana Chapter was held Feb. 7 in Clare Hall, Marian College, Indianapolis. The dinner was arranged by Sister Mariam Clare. The Guild members were very graciously welcomed by Sister Mary Vitalis, O.S.F., music director for the college, Sister Olivia, dean, and Father Reine, president. Dean Elbert introduced Miss Loretta Martin, M.M., guest organist for the evening, and the Rev. Father Edwin F. Sahm, sacred music director of the Indianapolis Archdiocese and pastor and founder of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Dean Elbert introduced Miss Elsie MacGregor, F.A.G.O., who gave a talk on the purpose of the Guild. Mrs. Florence M. Millett presented a beautiful Guild emblem on a satin pillow from a silver Bible box to Fr. Sahm, who was the after-dinner speaker. The program was given in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception by the Bel Canto Ensemble of Marian College and Miss Martin.—Mrs. Florence M. MILLETT.

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY CHAPTER—The chapter met Feb. 20 at the School of Music. The meeting was called to order by Dean Charles Smith. A film from the Wicks Organ Company, entitled "Capturing The Winds", was shown. Dean Smith then gave a short talk on the convention which he had attended in Philadelphia. The business meeting followed the lecture. The "A. G. O. Quarterly" was distributed to the chapter members.
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T. JOSEPH VALLEY CHAPTER—Mrs. William E. Harnisch was hostess to the St. Joseph Valley Chapter in her home at South Bend, Ind., Feb. 19. Albert P. Schnaible, dean, acted as master of ceremonies for the piano-organ recital. Mrs. Helen Bodine, organist of the First Christian Church, played the piano. and Mrs. Harnisch, organist-choir director at St. Paul's Memorial Methodist Church and affiliated with the Indiana University Extension Center, played the Baldwin electronic organ. Daniel H. Pedtke, F.A.G.O., discussed the annual examinations

presented three of his students. With Mr. Osborne at the organ in the First Lutheran Church are: Betty Reed, Mary Ann Dodd, Marion Horstman, organist of the church, and Elizabeth Putman.

given nationally for the A.G.O. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Paul E. McMullen and Miss Dorothy Ewald.—Ruth Ann Lehman,

MONROE, MICH., CHAPTER—The Monroe Chapter was granted a charter in November, 1955, with Hugh E. Baker as dean. The very first activity of the newly-formed chapter was a Christmas party at the home of Dean Baker. In January the meeting, held in Christ Lutheran Church, took the form of a display of Lent and Easter organ and choral music. Dr. Arthur D. Klontz, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, spoke on "The Significance of Lent and Lenten Music." Mrs. Helen M. Boughton played three of the Easter numbers on display . . . The February meeting was held at the First Baptist Church with Mrs. Doris McCarthy, organist of the Hope Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio, as speaker. Her topic was "Hammond Organ Registration." Mrs. McCarthy also presented lists of suitable music for liturgical and non-liturgical services.—Helen M. Boughton, Secretary.

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WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER—The
Western Michigan chapter met March 5 in
the beautiful new East Congregational
Church in Grand Rapids, with Wilmer T.
Bartholomew, organist and choirmaster, as
host. Dr. Joseph Q. Mayne, minister of the
church, took us on a tour of the building
and lectured on the lovely stained glass
windows which were designed and executed
by the glassmakers of Chartres, France. As
this was a combined meeting of organists
and ministers, after the dinner and business
meeting there was an informal discussion on
"How to improve the church service." The
musical program for the evening was given
by the chancel choir of East Church with
Mr. Bartholomew at the new Schantz organ
of forty ranks.—Helen Hawes, Corresponding Secretary.

CHICAGO CHAPTER—The Chicago Chap-

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CHICAGO CHAPTER—The Chicago Chapter sponsored a student competition for a \$100 scholarship Feb. 27. Six contestants played Bach's Fugue in A minor and pieces of their choice from the Romantic and Contemporary schools. A hymn was also played at sight. The winner was Richard Billingham, who will use his scholarship at the American Conservatory. Mr. Billingham is a student of Robert Lodine.—Corliss Arnold, Registrar.

PEORIA, ILL., CHAPTER—The Peorla Chapter sponsored Marilyn Mason in a recital Feb. 26 at the First Methodist Church. A reception in her honor was held following the recital.

EAST-CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER—
The East-Central Illinois Chapter met Feb.
13 at the home of Mrs. Carl Bays with the clergy of Champaign-Urbana as special guests. Dr. Waldo Savage, minister of the First Congregational Church of Champaign, spoke on the subject "A Minister's Conception of Good Church Music" touching on organ music, anthems and hymns. A lively discussion followed the talk and a social hour followed. . . . The chapter met Jan. 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Urbana for a panel discussion which was moderated by Professor Russell Hancock Miles and included Mrs. James Kelly, Mrs. Carl Bays, Miss Sarah Marquardt and Professor Paul Pettinga as panelists. Four subjects were

discussed: "The function of the postiude in the church service", "The function of organ transcriptions in the church service", "The problem of maintaining high standards in wedding and funeral music" and "The real place of a minister of music".—Barmara Anderson, Secretary.

LACROSSE, WIS., CHAPTER—The chapter at LaCrosse was reactivated Feb. 6 at the home of Mrs. George Nidon. Plans were made to meet April 17 at Trinity Luthersn Church to study and discuss hymn playing. Another meeting is set for June, then closing our activities until fall. Thomas Schoette was elected dean.—Gordon FOLENDOR.

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MASON CITY, IOWA, CHAPTER—"The Development of the Modern Pipe Organiwas the subject chosen by Mrs. Max Bokmeyer at the February meeting of the Mason City Chapter at the First Christian Church. Mrs. Bokmeyer concluded the paper with a few comments on the relation between the clergy and minister of music in the prepartion of suitable music for the church service. An organ program on the Hillgreen-Lane organ was played by Marie VonKaenel and Mrs. Wallace Allen. Mrs. C. D. Quaife, dean, welcomed the ministers and their wives who were guests for the evening. The nominating committee to prepare the new slate of officers was announced: Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Fred Clark and Mrs. George Gooder. Members in charge of refreshments were: Mrs. Sherman Yelland, Misses Wanda Pedelty and Wilma Nyce.—Marie VonKaenel, Registrat.

CENTRAL IOWA CHAPTER—More than

Wilma Nyce.—Marie Vonkaenel, Registrar.
CENTRAL IOWA CHAPTER—More than one-hundred Guild members and guests of the Central Iowa Chapter were in attendance at the recital by Virgil C. Toms at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Des Moines, Feb. 13. Mr. Toms is organist and teacher at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, and a former pupil of Marcel Dupré and T. Tertius Noble. A business meeting preceding the recital was presided over by Robert Speed, dean. A social hour followed the program giving the members an opportunity to meet Mr. Toms. Refreshments were served the group by Mrs. Lorraine Jones, Mrs. Delores McDonald and Mrs. Marguerite Heilman.—Mrs. Noma Jee, Secretary. Secretary

DUBUQUE, IOWA, CHAPTER—The Dubuque Chapter held its monthly meeting with Miss Doris McCaffrey, dean, presiding. The Rev. Gerhard Bunge was program chairman. The topic was "Appropriate Easter music for Catholic and Protestant Churches."

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ST. LOUIS CHAPTER—A junior choir festival was sponsored by the St. Louis Metropolitan Federation of Churches in January. Choirs and directors from all over the city took part in the program that began Jan. 28 and concluded with the Guild meeting Jan. 30. Mrs. Madeline Ingram of Lynchburg, Va., was in charge of all of the sessions. At the first session, Mrs. Ingram gave a demonstration-rehearsal with a group of about twenty children from several junior choirs participating in the festival. She outlined the techniques to be used in learning a new number. After the demonstration she talked on the organization and administration of junior and youth choirs. This session was held in the Pilgrim Congregational Church. The program Sunday afternoon, also at the Pilgrim Congregational Church. Was a rehearsalemonstration and service. About seventy-five youth choir members were massed in the chancel of the church and more than three-hundred junior choir singers were in the gallery. They rehearsed for about an hour before the service. Robert McGill, organist and director of the Grace Methodist Church, was accompanist for the service. The prelude and postlude were played by Lee Short, organist and director of Pilgrim Church. The service was well-attended and very well-received. On Monday evening the final meeting of the festival was held at the Central Presbyterian Church, where Mrs. Doyne Neal, organist and director, was hostess. A dinner meeting preceded the program. Mrs. Ingram spoke in further detail abourganization of junior and youth choirs. She emphasized the importance of getting the various ages grouped together properly. She touched on the type of music which she recommended and the rules and regulations that had proved most satisfactory for the various choirs. A lively question and answer session followed her remarks.—WILLIAM A DAVIDSON. that had proved most satisfactory for the various choirs. A lively question and answer session followed her remarks.—WILLIAM A

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER—The South SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER—The South Dakota Chapter sponsored Jack Laurence Noble of the University of South Dakota in a recital at the First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls Jan. 29. As in previous performances, Mr. Noble's interpretations were those of a sincere and conscientious musician, discerning in matters of registration and in choice of repertory, thoughtful and intelligent in matters of style. A reception for members and friends of the chapter was held following the recital. . On Feb. 12 a listening session of new hi-fi organ recordings was held by the chapter in the Mikkelson Library, Augustana College. Merit Pflueger was in charge of the program and it proved to be a most Interesting meeting. Coffee was served later in the facult lounge.

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WIFFELD, KANS., CHAPTER—The Winfled Chapter met March 6 in the auditorium of St. John's College. The group was welcomed by Arthur Schweim, president of the Guild Student Group, who gave the program for the evening. Pie and coffee were served in the dining room of the girls' dormitory by Mrs. Cora Redic, Mrs. Fannie Walker, Miss Alma Nommensen and John Thomas.

"The chapter met Jan. 3 at the parishouse of Grace Episcopal Church. The program was a panel." Music in the Church we present the panel and their individual topics were: Eldor Sieving and the Rev. Mass. Amount of the panel and their individual topics were: Eldor Sieving and the Rev. All and the parishouse of Grace Episcopal Church. The program was opened to the panel and their individual topics were: Eldor Sieving and the Rev. All and the parishouse of Grace Episcopal Church. The program is program was opened to the panel of the panel will be program to the church be selected?". The minister of the mass of the panel will be program to the church service." The minister of the hadron to the church service." The minister of the church service." The

Holliston Avenue Methodist Church, Pasadena, played a recital. He has studied with Max Miller, Marian Craighead, David Craighead and at present is studying with Clarence Mader. Mr. Ladd's achievements include winning twice in the A.G.O. district competition and winning second place in the A.G.O. convention at Redlands University. He has played recitals in Redlands, San Diego and Los Angeles.—ETHEL WOOLEY, Registrar.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER—Potluck

San Diego and Los Angeles.—ETHEL WOOLEY, Registrar.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER—Potluck dinners are at their best when they are shared by the A.G.O. and the Choral Conductors Guild, as was discovered at their joint meeting Feb. 28 at the First Methodist Church in Santa Barbara. Following the fellowship around the tables, the group moved to the church for a short recital by Dr. Roberta Bitgood, brought here by the local chapter of the C.C.G., which was in charge of the program. Following the recital the listeners gathered around the organ for a lecture-demonstration. Dr. Bitgood's humor and enthusiasm made for a very relaxed and profitable evening as she discussed such problems as adapting piano-style accompaniments for the organ. At least two other composers were present at the meeting, Dr. William A. Goldsworthy and Charles Black.—Rosella Wilson, Secretary.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER—The Memphis Chapter Albert M. Johnson, deep bith.

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MEMPHIS CHAPTER—The Memphis Chapter, Albert M. Johnson, dean, highlighted its 1955-56 season by sponsoring Jean Langlais of the Basilica of Ste. Clothilde in Paris in a recital of organ music at the Idlewild Presbyterian Church Jan. 20. This eminent, blind musician played a remarkable recital demonstrating his virtuosity and sensitive musicianship. His program included works by Buxtehude, Couperin, Roussel, Dupré, Ross, Vierne and selections from his own compositions. He concluded his program with a stunning improvisation on themes submitted by chapter members. A reception in honor of Mr. Langlais was held following the recital . The February meeting of the chapter was held at the First Methodist Church, of which our dean, Mr. Johnson, is organist and director. Following dinner a brief business meeting was held, after which a recital was played by George Harris, chairman of the music department of Memphis State College and organist of the Buntyn Presbyterian Church, and Richard White, organist and choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church.—Richard White, Pa.G.O., Registrar.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER—The Western Pennsylvania Chapter gathered for dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, Feb. 27. Miniature diapason, flute and reed pipes were surrounded by daffodils at the head table, so the recitalist for the evening, Don Wilkens, blew one of them and thus a clear diapason tone announced the opening of the business meeting. Dean Nan Neugebauer introduced not only the recitalist and his wife but his parents also, with Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan; the latter is assistant organist at St. Paul's. Next came our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little, and Victor Zuck, representative of the M. P. Möller Organ Company. At the service of dedication Charles Little, organist and choirmaster of the church, presided at the organ. The dedicatory recital on the new Möller organ was played by Mr. Wilkens, a member of the chapter and organist of Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh. The new organ has twentyeight stops and twenty-three ranks with a four-manual console in preparation for an antiphonal organ to be installed in the near future. In the undercroft the Guild members attended a reception for Mr. Wilkens, sponsored by the St. Paul's choir.—Ann Lynn Young, Registrar.

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churches took part in a hymn festival at
Zion Lutheran Church, Feb. 26, conducted
by Dr. Elaine Brown; the other was a program of organ and vocal solos by organists
from the local chapter in the Memorial
Presbyterian Church, Feb. 6. Organists from
the local chapter were: Grace Sauer, Alice
Birchall, Jean Doll, Nancy Hess and Ethel
Mumma. Abram Longenderfer was the vocal
goolist, and his accompanist was Alice Birchall. Two-hundred-fifty singers from elevten local choirs thrilled to the inspiring
direction of Dr. Brown from the music
department of Temple University. Dr. Noel
Robinson was guest lecturer and recitalist
in a program featuring the small church
organ at the Bethany Presbyterian Church
March 5. Dr. Robinson demonstrated by a
lecture and recital the many possibilities of
the two-manual and one-manual organs by
playing several compositions with one and
two stop combinations. The March meeting
was in charge of Mrs. Russel Nuss, subdean.—Abram Longenderfer, Registrar.

READING. PA., CHAPTER—The chapter's
March activity was a series of noon-day
Lenten recitals in connection with a series
of services by the Reading Ministerial Association in Christ Episcopal Church March
12-23. Miss M. Evelyn Essick was host or-

ganist and Mrs. Grace Weaver Starr is dean of the chapter. The following organists played in this order: Eunice I. Maurer, organist of St. John's Lutheran Church; Priscilla Morton; William E. Clouser, organist of the Schwarzwald Reformed Church, Jacksonwald, and St. Paul's Reformed Church, Birdsboro; John L. Frederick; E. Fred McGowan, organist of St. Thomas' Reformed Church; Mrs. Ralph Stephenson; Grace L. Kleiser, organist of St. James' Lutheran Church of Lebanon; Charles Dix, organist of Gernant's Union Church, Leesport, Belleman's Union Church, Mohrsville, and St. Luke's Union Church, Shoemakersville; Robert Arnold, organist of Holy Rosary Catholic Church; Evelyn Evans, organist of St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg.—Marguerite A. Scheiffele, Program Chairman.

YORK, PA., CHAPTER—The York Chapter sponsored Edward Linzel in a recital Nov. 8 at the Zion Lutheran Church, York, Pa. Mr. Linzel is organist at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York. His recital was given on a forty-nine-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ. Mr. Linzel's recital included works by Bach, Mozart, Kirnberger, Armstorff, Arne, Martini, Reger, Ducasse, Vierne, Elmore and Widor. .. The chapter met Jan. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church. Ralph S. Grover, organist and choirmaster, gave a very inspiring lecture on "Why Contemporary Music?". . The February meeting was held in the studios of Susan T. Dorogi, An inspiring recital was given by Susan Dorogi, planist, and Elizabeth Leonhardt, soprano.—Frederick V. Brander.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER—The annual organist-clergy banquet of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter was held Feb. 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Juniata, Altoona. The menu featured a turkey dinner, enjoyed by all. Robert S. Clippinger, A.A.G.O., organist of Grace Methodist Church, Harrisburg, and also the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary, was the guest for the evening. Mr. Clippinger gave an informative talk about organist-clergy relations. To conclude the program, he gave a short recital. J. Frederick Wagner, organist of the First Baptist Church, served as chairman of the banquet. Harry P. Hitchen is minister of music of the host church—JACK R. RODLAND, Corresponding Secretary.

LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER—The Lehigh Valley Chapter met Feb. 11 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem, Pa., to hear a recital played by members of the local chapter on the new three-manual Aeolian-Skinner organ recently installed in Trinity Church. Albert Gundrum, organist of the church, was host and extended greetings to the members and guests of approximately fifty in attendance. The following played: Dr. Ifor Jones, Stoddart Smith, Robert Cutler and Dr. Ludwig Lenel. Catharine Crozier, who played the following afternoon at the Packer Memorial Chapel, Lehigh University, was a guest of the chapter. Dr. Lenel p

until a late hour.—Helen Fitze Rawlings, Secretary.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER—
The Northern New Jersey Chapter held a hymn festival March 4 at the West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood. Choirs of the following churches sang in the massed chorus of 130 voices: First Presbyterian, Clifton; West Paterson Community Methodist; Lakeview Heights Reformed, Clifton; First Presbyterian, Passaic; Paterson Avenue Methodist; St. Luke's Episcopal, Paterson; Bethany United Presbyterian; Bloomingdale Methodist; West Side Presbyterian, Ridgewood. Richard Kerr, dean of the chapter, directed the choir.—Dobothy Timmer.

ROCKLAND COUNTY, N.Y., CHAPTER—The Rockland County Chapter held its monthly meeting March 5 at the Suffern Methodist Church. Business of the meeting included a presentation of the slate of nominations for chapter officers to be voted on at the May meeting, the making of tentative plans for a trip to St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City for evensong and a visit with Harold Friedell and the choir following the service Guild Sunday, Apr. 22, and a junior choir festival to be held Apr. 29 at Grace Episcopal Church, Nyack, with many junior choirs from the county parti-

cipating. Following the business meeting, various members distributed copies of Easter anthems they had selected, and the group sang through them. The anthems were then discussed as to liturgical value and suitability for particular services. Refreshments, prepared by Peggy Rednour, were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., CHAPTER—The Chautauqua Chapter sponsored Jean Langlais in a recital March 6 at the First Lutheran Church in Jamestown. . . . A meeting was held Feb. 28 in the auditorium of the Kidder Memorial United Brethren Church with Miss Jeanne Warner as hostess. After plans had been made for the Langlais recital, the following program was given: A group of compositions by colonial composers was played by the church organist. Richard Medley, and a talk on Swedish-American hymnody was given by Howard Zettervall, organist-director of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Philip Thorsell, baritone soloist, who helped illustrate the various types of Swedish-American hymns—Gerall Healund. Secretary.

BUFFALO, N. Y., CHAPTER—The program of the Buffalo Chapter for February was most interesting. It has been a tradition for several years to have the Ministerial Association of Buffalo and the Buffalo Chapter meet on Washington's birthday for a luncheon meeting. The ministers and organists alternate in providing the program. This year the ministers procured Dr. Marvin Halverson, executive secretary of the committee on worship and the arts of the National Council of Churches, to address the group. This meeting was in the Richmond Avenue Church of Christ and proved to be an inspiration to all as well as promoting good fellowship. . The second February event was a recital by Searle Wright, our national secretary, Feb. 27 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Wright's program included numbers by Purcell, Gibbons, Clerambault, Bach, Tournemire, Piston, Sowerby, and two compositions of his own: Prelude on "Brother James' Air" and Fantasy on "Wareham." The recital was well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next day Mr. Wright conducted two forums on "Program Planning and Service Playing" and "Reading of new or unfamiliar chorg" and "Reading of the No

hour.—Esther H. Stocks, Secretary.

VERMONT CHAPTER—The Vermont
Chapter sponsored Arthur Howes, director
of the Organ Institute, Andover, Mass., in
an outstanding recital Feb. 12 at the First
Methodist Church, Burlington. Mr. Howes
plays with authority and astonishing technique. Several members from various districts were in attendance at a dinner before
the recital at the Hotel Vermont.—Gertrude
Picker, Registrar.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER—The second annual hymn festival Jan. 15 more than filled comfortably the First Methodist Church in Orlando. Four-hundred singers from sixteen choirs of central Florida and the Winter Park high school brass quartet participated with Jesse Baker, dean, presiding at the organ for the service. L. Harold Sanford, A.A.G.O., played three hymn-tune preludes. Edna Wallace Johnston, member of the Hymn Society of America, presiding as annotator for the festival, very admirably arranged the service with most suitable hymns in logical sequence.—Beatrice F. White, Registrar.

WEST COAST, FLA., CHAPTER—The West Coast Chapter met at the home of Mrs. T. W. Booher Feb. 19 with Dean Rosabelle Bond presiding. A brief business meeting, during which the nominating committee's report was accepted, preceded a delightful hour of study by the group centered around the life and works of Chopin. A recording of Chopin's life was played which inspired a lively discussion thereafter. Miss Johnson, program chairman, arranged this program and introduced as guest-artist of the hour Mr. Bolden, music instructor of the Sixteenth Street Junior High School, St. Petersburg, who played and explained the varied moods of the composer as are easily recognized by lovers of good music. Handel has been chosen for topical discussion at the March meeting. New officers appointed for the next fiscal year are as follows: Leroy Tillman. dean; Mrs. Cora Huggins, sub-dean; Mrs. T. W. Booher, secretary; Mrs. W. M. McMurray, treasurer; Mrs. Claronelle S. Griffin, historian; Ralph James, librarian; Mrs. Rosabelle Bond, program chairman.—Rosabelle Bond, pean, and Claronelle S. Griffin, Diapason Reporter.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER—The Jacksonville Chapter, Mrs. Roselyn M. Langdale,
dean, is to sponsor a særed choral festival
in May under the direction of Robert Hufstader, well-known choral conductor now
on the faculty of Rollins College, Winter
Park. About 175 choirs of different faiths
in this city and surrounding areas have
been invited to participate. A letter containing a list of music to be used and a
questionnaire to be filled out has been sent
to each. A number of choirs have already
accepted, including a group of singers from
Brunswick, Ga., who have appeared with
Artiss De Volp, harpist. The choral festival
committee is composed of the following:
Mrs. Amelia Cardwell, sub-dean and program
chairman; Mrs. Marvin Silcox, publicity; C.
Edward Bryan; William Leland, and William
Pugh, Jr. On March 19 those who plan to
appear in the festival are to meet with Mr.
Hufstader to take part in a workshop at
which time the music selected will be dis-

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER—The Tallahassee Chapter held its February meeting in the Westcott Auditorium at Florida State University Feb. 19. The recently-installed Aeolian-Skinner organ was demonstrated to the group by Mrs. Ramona C. Beard, subdean of the chapter, who was in charge of arrangements for the meeting. This unique organ may be played either manually or by the use of automatic player rolls similar to a player piano. Before the player mechanism of the instrument was demonstrated, Miss Miriam Swaim played the "Credo" Fugue by Bach, and "Divertissement" by Vierne. Kenneth Bohman played the "Gigue" Fugue of Bach. Mrs. Beard and Mr. Bohman played

the organ by means of the automatic and semi-automatic rolls, choosing representative works from a collection of player rolls. Following the demonstration the members and their guests inspected the installation of the organ pipes high over the stage of the auditorium.—Eleanor Caldwell. Secretary.

DAYTONA BEACH CHAPTER—The Daytona Beach Chapter met at the Community Methodist Church Feb. 21. Members listened to a beautiful program of organ music played by three of the Guild members: Oscar Burdick, Sam Leech and Betty Malone. A short business session followed. Plans were discussed pertaining to the program for our annual vesper service.—May Hayre, Registrar.

COLUMBUS, GA., CHAPTER—The Columbus Chapter held its monthly meeting at the St. Paul Methodist Church March 2. At the business meeting the nominating committee presented the names of members nominated for office in the Guild for the coming year. Three new members were voted upon and accepted into the Guild: Mrs. R. J. Hartje, Mrs. G. W. Todd and Mrs. R. J. Hartje, Mrs. G. W. Todd and Mrs. Lawrence Cavanaugh. Plans were made for the annual choir festival to be held in May. Mrs. Ann Mordic, organist at the St. Paul Church, entertained the Guild with a program primarily in keeping with the Lenten season on the Kilgen organ. Mrs. William Wardlaw served delightful refreshments in fellowship hall following the meeting.... The second annual choir-clergy dinner, sponsored by the Columbus Chapter, was held Feb. 3 at the Wynnton Methodist Church. Carey O. Brinson, dean, presided as master of ceremonies during the evening. Jack Tremaine, minister of music at the St. Luke Methodist Church, led the group singing and also participated in a parody of the quartet from "Rigoletto". Hugh Deen, Robert Eakle and Anson Locklear sang with Mr. Tremaine, all four gentlemen attired to represent various characters—according to the local newspaper "Tapestries that looked like a sarong off of a Babylonian ritual dancer". A double quartet, composed of the "Rigoletto" ingers. Mrs. Edwin T. Rios, Mrs. C. R. Matthews, Mrs. C. R. Linsdsey and Mrs. Lily Garrett, sang "The Musical Trust" by Clokey. Accompanists for the musical part of the evening were Mrs. John S. Tremaine and Mrs. Ann Mordic. A panel discussion was held with the Rev. Frank L. Robertson as moderator. Serving on the panel were: Mrs. Rios, director of music at the Infantry Center Chapel, Fort Benning; Miss Frances Arbold, minister of music at the First Baptist Church; the Rev. Colin R. Campbell, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, and Dr. A. C. Hobbs, music committee chairman of the St. Paul Methodist Church. It was agreed by all that the second annual dinner was even more a succe

GREENWOOD, S. C., CHAPTER—The Greenwood Chapter held its February meeting at the South Main Baptist Church. The fifteen-minute musical program was given by Mrs. Calvin Roonts and Miss Lucy Ann McCluer. Both played several organ selections. Guest speaker for the meeting was Eugene Craft of Brodt's Music Company in Charlotte. Mr. Craft talked on new anthems and had the members sing selections which he had brought. Folk-tunes, early Moravian music and hymn-tunes were represented. A report of the mid-winter conclave was given by Dean von Hasseln. Announcement of plans for the Alexander McCurdy-Flora Greenwood concert was made. This will be April 8 at the First Presbyterian Church. An outline of the program for a hymn festival, to be sponsored by the chapter April 22, was given by the committee in charge. Guests for the meeting were the Rev. and Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Blessing. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Miss Evelyn Martin and Mrs. E. I. Dairs, Jr.—Mrs. Frederick Terry, Publicity Chairman.

CHARLESTON, S. C., CHAPTER—The combined choirs of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church gave a program of music of the church seasons Feb. 27 at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. The choral program was under the direction of the Rev. T. W. Horton, Jr. The choir sang: "O Blessed Jesus", Palestrina; "Go to Dark Gethsemane," Noble; "Easter Morning, Joyous Dawning", Lindeman; "O Spirit Who from Jesus Came," Havey; "Hark, Hark, My Soul", Shelley; "Let All Things Now Living." arr. K. Davis, and "Slovak Carol", arr. Kountz. Mrs. Bruce Thomas and Mrs. J. D. Royall were organists for the program. Following the program the business meeting was held and refreshments were served by the host church in the parish building.—Janet Moede, Reporter.

MOBILE, ALA., CHAPTER—The Mobile

MOBILE, ALA.. CHAPTER—The Mobile Chapter held its monthly meeting March 6 at the Government Street Methodist Church. A demonstration of children's choir work was given by the youth choir of the Saxon Street Baptist Church, the Rev. A. C. Palmer, director, and Mrs. A. L. Eubanks, organist, and by the melody choir of the Community

Presbyterian Church under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Crosby, minister of music. The dean, J. C. Gould, presided over the business session at which plans were made for a public program to be given in April commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the A.G.O. and featuring compositions by American organists. Miss Patsy Fitzsimmons was welcomed as a new member of the Mobile Chapter.—Jane C. Brown.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER—The North Mississippi Chapter held an all-day meeting in Meridian Feb. 11. The meeting opened at the First Baptist Church with organ numbers played by Linda Lockett, talented high school student, and R. Cochrane Penick, and a vocal solo by David Cuttino, minister of music, accompanied by Mrs. Valerye Bosarge. Brief recitals were played at the Central Methodist Church by Charmaine Bosarge, and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by Mrs. Tom Freeman. After lunch the meeting continued at the First Baptist Church, where a sizable audience gathered to witness and hear a wedding ceremony with music planned by Mrs. Bosarge in illustration of types of music considered truly suitable for weddings. To make the event realistic, an attractive pair of newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keyes, donned their wedding garments again and went through the whole ceremony, complete with candles and attendants. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the ladies' lounge given by the Philharmonic Music Club honoring the bridal party and members and prospective members of the Guild.—R. Cochrane Penick, Secretary.

JACKSON, MISS., CHAPTER—The Jackson Chapter sponsored two organists and a singer in a recital Feb. 19 at the Calvary Baptist Church. The organists were Miss Peggy Pennel, head of the organ department of Hinds Junior College, Raymond, and Miss Marjorie Black, who teaches organ and piano at Belhaven College, Jackson. Holmes Ambrose, tenor, choral director of Millsaps College, was the singer. He was accompanied by Miss Virginia Hoogenakker and Mrs. Robert Girling, violinists, Miss Bina Ruth Brown, violist, and Mrs. John Sigman, organist.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER—The January business meeting of the North Louisiana Chapter was held at the First Presbyterian Church prior to the magnificent recital played by the talented blind organist, Jean Langlais, organist of Ste. Clothilde in Paris. The large audience present and the Guild members were deeply moved with the accomplishments of M. Langlais. A coffee hour followed the recital.

KNOXVILLE CHAPTER—The Knoxville Chapter met Feb. 6 at the Second Methodist Church with Mrs. Harry Shugart, Mrs. Ruth Love and Mrs. R. E. Sutherland as hostesses. Final plans were made for the Virgil Fox recital to be given at the First Baptist Church Feb. 21. Edward Hamilton led a discussion on the relationships between church music and the musical opportunities offered in public schools. The importance of basic harmony and theory, sight reading, conflicts in rehearsal schedules and the mutual responsibilities of both school and church musicians were discussed. It was recommended that school and church music be closely correlated and be made as appealing as possible to young people. The church can avail itself of many opportunities to use musical talent developed in the schools.— Rachel Grubbs, Registrar.

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER—The East Tennessee Chapter held its monthly meeting Feb. 28 at the First Baptist Church in Bristol, Va. Miss Joann Feazell, minister of music and past-dean of the chapter, played a recital. This was the first recital to be played for the chapter since the organ was rebuilt and the console replaced by the Möller Organ Company last summer. At the business meeting following the recital, final plans were completed for the appearance of Oswald Ragatz, who will play a recital Apr. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, Tenn. The meeting was adjourned after a social hour.—John D. Jeter, Dean.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER—The Nashville Chapter met Feb. 14 in the new Ferguson Memorial Chapel of the Belmont Methodist Church with Richard Thomasson, minister of music, as host. Gregory Colson played a program for members and visitors on the chapel's newly-installed Hammond electronic organ. At the conclusion of Mr. Colson's recital Ralph Erickson, sub-dean, conducted a short business session, after which deliclous refreshments carrying out the valentine motif were served by members of the church choir.—Louise B. Harman, Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER—
The District of Columbia Chapter in February held the 1956 festival of organ music, designed to broaden the general knowledge of the organ and its place in the field of church music. In its first festival program Feb. 19 the chapter sponsored Richard Ellsasser, well-known virtuoso-composer, in a recital. Helen Troutman, organist of the First Congregational Church of Washington, and John Weaver of Baltimore, the Curtis

Institute student who was regional winner of the Guild young artist competition, were heard in a joint recital Feb. 21, and Feb. 26 the Foundry Symphony Orchestra, Glocarow, musical director, and Raymond I. Kirby, conductor, gave a concert. Soloist at this concert were Lyman McCrary, dean of the chapter, and Katherine Fowler, regional chairman. At this concert the "Adagio for Lent" by Temple Dunn, was given its first performance. The chapter is indebted to the Foundry Methodist Church for the use of its facilities for this festival. Jean Langlais, the celebrated organist of the Basilias of Ste. Clothilde in Paris, was sponsored in a recital Feb. 28 at St. Matthew's Cathedral Jean Phillips, Registrar.

CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER—The Ches.

CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER—The Chespeake Chapter met Feb. 13 at the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church. After a short business meeting, Wilmer Weish, or ganist-director at the church, gave a history of the organ and the specifications of the new and rebuilt Möller organ. Interesting illustrations of the various choruses (dispesson and reed), the solo possibilities, peddorgan and full organ were shown. Then members went inside the organ chamber to see the layout of the instrument. Bruce Benett, assistant organist, played Sonatina by Sowerby, and showed to great advantage the fine tonal resources of the organ. A Valentine social pleasantly concluded the evening.—Ernestine L. Schamberger, Dean.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CHAPTER—The Cumberland Valley Chapter held a dinner meeting at Christ Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 11. There were members and guests present from Shepherdstown. Martinsburg. Waynesboro, Chambersburg, Frederick and many other near-by towns. Membership applications from nine new members and re-instatements from three former members were received at this meeting. After a brief business session, a short program on offertory music was held with comments by each participating. The following members played on the program: C. Richard Main, Asher S. Edelman and Norman Lindsay. The newly-elected officers are as follows: Dean, Paul S. Griffith; subdean, Asher S. Edelman; secretary, Miss Ruth Siebert.—Ina Mae Beckley, and treasurer, Miss Ruth Siebert.—Ina Mae Beckley, Members of the

DELAWARE CHAPTER—Members of the Delaware Chapter were entertained Feb. 27 in the Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church with a turkey dinner followed by the business meeting. Arrangements had been made by Dr. Harold Springer. Dean Sarah Hudson White presided. The Rev. John Oldman, Jr., pastor of the church and chaplain of the chapter, gave a talk on hymnology and the proper use of hymns in a church service.—CAROLYN CONLY CANS, Registrar.

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CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CHAPTER—The February meeting of the Central New Jersey Chapter was held Feb. 6 at the State Street Methodist Church. Raymond Rudy, associate professor of music at Douglass College and organist and choir director Trinity Church, Princeton, was the guest speaker and was assisted by members of his holir. Mr. Rudy spoke on "Service Music for Men's Voices". The choir gave excellent examples of plainsong and the chorale. Perinceton Chapter was invited to the meeting. Mrs. Clarence Sortor was chairman. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Flintzer, Mrs. John Cole and Mrs. Alfred Bergen.—Mrs. CLARENCE E. SORTOR, Registrat.

METROPOLITAN NEW JERSEY CHAP-TER—The Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter met Feb. 13 at the Kilburn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newark, with Robert E Schanck, M.S.M., minister of music, as host. An ever-popular program of anthem reading was led by Mr. Schanck and the following members of the chapter: David Adamson, Jesse Forquhar, Cornelia Seward Hunte and Edwin F. Jacobus. An interesting record "The Synthesis of Music as presented by the RCA Electronic Music Synthesizer." and a social hour with refreshments concluded the program.—Leah Davis Mead. Registrar.

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MONMOUTH, N. J., CHAPTER.—The Momouth Chapter held its monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Belmar. Mrs. Helen Antonides and Mrs. Phyllis Benjamis were co-hostesses. Dean James Scull presided at the regular business meeting followed by an organ recital by Mrs. Betz. A rehearsal for the annual hymifestival, to be held in May, was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Fielder Mount, A.A.G.D. and assisted by Jack Hoyt, Mus.B., accompanist.—Joan Coverr Milleung, Registrar.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER CHAPTER—The St. Lawrence River Chapter held its regular meeting in the Trinity Church choir room Feb. 14. Following the business meeting our dean, Mr. Elsberry, gave an unusual program on "The Present State of Church Music and Liturgical Abuses". A questionaire given to each member aroused interest, caused reflection and deep thinking and encouraged discussion on this ever-present problem of the proper selection and rendition of church music.—Kathryn G. PILLMORE, Registrar.

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News of the A.G.O.—Continued

Canacadea to Hold Institute.

For the eighth consecutive year, the Canacadea Chapter with hold its church music institute at Altred University, Alfred, N. Y. Musicians from all parts of the country have attended the conferences in this pleasant setting and have reaped benefit and pleasure from the courses and

the country have attended the conferences in this pleasant setting and have reaped benefit and pleasure from the courses and fellowship of kindred minds.

This year's institute will have among its faculty members, Margaret Fisk, author and lecturer, whose subject will be "The Art of the Rhythmic Choir". Mrs. Fisk will demonstrate her worship art in programs suitable for use with junior high, high school and adult groups.

Theodore Schaefer, whose interesting work is carried on as an organist-choirmaster of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., will show many phases of the complex skills demanded of "The Church Organist".

The chapter is happy to announce that Robert Fountain, director of the Oberlin College choir, will lead the course in "Conducting and Choral Techniques." Worship services, recitals and social events are always features of the institute Families of registrants are welcome as long as space permits. Early registration is suggested as numbers will be limited this year.

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CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER—At the
First Presbyterian Church in Ilion, the Central New York Chapter met to hear a recital
March 6 by Esther Chase Brown. A brief
business meeting followed in the church
parlors with Dean Nellie D. Snell presiding.
George Wald's junior choir festival report
shows his plans are progressing smoothly
and this May program is headed for success.
Our dean summarized the important events
in the coming New York City convention
from the letters she received from that committee. The June banquet committee was
named: Jeanette Snyder, Cornelia Griffin,
Ray Conrad and Horace Douglas. The Rev.
Charles Bartlett, minister of the church,
gave a talk fitting to the occasion, "Is an
Organist Necessary and Why?" In a St.
Patrick setting, church members served refreshments to twenty-six persons.—Edward
A. Boc, Registrar.

RICHMOND CHAPTER—The February

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RICHMOND CHAPTER—The February meeting of the Richmond Chapter was held in the First Presbyterian Church, where Mary Ann Mathewson Gray is minister of music. Following a Valentine supper we heard a lecture by Dr. John White, head of the music department of the University of Richmond and music critic for the Richmond Times Dispatch. Dr. White spoke on "Musicology and the World of Music." This imposing title became, with Dr. White's treatment, a humorous and highly enlightening presentation and was followed by an interesting question-and-answer period.—MARY HOLTZ McDOWELL, Reporter.

DAYTON. OHIO. CHAPTER—The first

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DAYTON, OHIO, CHAPTER—The first meeting of the new year for the Dayton Chapter was held in the social room of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Jan. 16. Following a short business meeting was the showing of the sound movie. "Singing Pipes". This was a film about the building of Casavant organs and opened with a brief history of the instrument from ancient times to the present. Different stages in the construction of modern pipe organs were shown. After the film, two of our members. Mr. and Mrs. James Porter, gave an illustrated talk about their trip to Europe last summer and talked particularly about the music they heard and about their visit to the famous school for carillonneurs at Malines, Belgium. At the close of the meeting we all gathered around the punch bowl for food and friendliness.—Mrs. Kathryn Allen, Registrar.

TOLEDO CHAPTER—The Toledo Chapter meeting was held Jan. 17 at the Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral. Preceding the meeting the program was given in the cathedral proper. Claude Lagace played organ selections and directed the choirs in their selections. Hugh Murray accompanied the choir. The group enjoyed the program a great deal and many took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the four-manual Skinner organ. The group adjourned to the choir room for the business meeting, after which a social period with refreshments concluded the affair . . . A choir festival of adult and youth choirs was sponsored by the Toledo Council of Churches and the Toledo Chapter Feb. 5 in the peristyle at the museum. Dr. Wesley E. Smith, head of the music department at Oberlin, conducted. The three Guild members who participated at the organ were: Marie Beidler, Dale Richard and Doris McCarthy . . . The Feb. 28 meeting was held at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church with the business meeting preceding the program. The program was an organ recital by J. Harold Harder, assisted by Florence Fisher Miller, violin, Patricia Sourrenne, violin, and Mary

Harder Eliason, 'cello. A. Beverly Barksdale was the commentator. Mr. Harder's recital was played on a new three-manual Holt-kamp organ which was installed in the open with most of the pipework exposed. The group received Mr. Harder's recital with enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed his diversified program which included composers from Bach to Purvis. Pointing up the Mozart anniversary, Mozart's sonatas for organ and strings were given prominence on the program. Refreshments were served by the choir members of the church.—Joyce Weiss, Registrar.

CINCINATI CHAPTER—The Cincinna-

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CINCINNATI CHAPTER—The Cincinnatic Chapter had a most interesting meeting March 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Walnut Hills. The program, "An Evening of My Favorite Records," was of value in that the carefully-selected records not only brought us the exciting sonorities of famous organs but delighted us with recitalists who expressed their individual interpretations of the instrument and the selection.—Betty Hoensch. Registrar. Hoensch, Registrar.

CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER-The Central CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER—The Central Ohio Chapter met Feb. 13 at the Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus. Miss Ann Haworth, a member of the faculty of the School for the Blind, gave a lecture on the manner of teaching blind students. Pupils of Miss Haworth also performed a group of compositions on the organ. It was announced at the meeting that E. Power Biggs would give a recital Apr. 16 at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus.—J. B. Mc Gregor.

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FORT WAYNE CHAPTER—The Fort Wayne Chapter sponsored a concert of organ and instrumental music by members of the chapter and other Fort Wayne artists Feb. 28 in the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. The following organists played: Darwin Leitz, organist of Trinity Episcopal Church; August Stellhorn, organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Jack Ruhl, organist at the First Presbyterian Church and Richard Carlson, minister of music at Trinity English Lutheran Church. The concert was open to the public and a large crowd was present. At the close of the concert, Frederick Jackisch, dean of the chapter, invited everyone to the dining room for "twentieth-century refreshments after the evening of seventeenth and eighteenth-century music". Mrs. Sam LaBarbera, organist of the host church, and Mrs. Robert Mumaugh, organist at the First E.U.B. church, served refreshments.—Florence H. Fife, Publicity.

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CENTRAL MISSOURI CHAPTER—The Central Missouri Chapter held its February meeting in Columbia. Dean Nesta Williams presided over a brief business session after which the members sponsored a recital by Ronald Arnatt, F.T.C.L., F.A.G.O., of St. Louis. Mr. Arnatt's musical selections were chosen with an eye to the various types and periods of music from four different countries. Gabrieli and Frescobaldi of Italy; Bach, Brahms and Karg-Elert of Germany; F. Couperin, Franck, Tournemire and Messiaen of France, and Sowerby and Arnatt of America.—Jacqueline Raithel, Secretary.

ROBERT LEECH BEDELL directed a concert of church music at the Covenant Lu-theran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Three string players from the Brooklyn Chamber Music Society, the church choir and Dr. Bedell at the organ took part.



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A Minister Looks at Music as but One of Church Art-Forms

By DR. HAROLD A. BOSLEY
[Dr. Bosley is senior minister of the First
Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill. This article
is an address he gave for the midwinter
conference on church music at Northwestern
University Feb. 6, 1956.]

Art in Religion

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It will be easier to grasp the significance of the proper relationship between music and religion if we begin by recognizing the fact that music is but one of the art-forms used by religion. This obligates us to begin our study with a survey of the relationship which obtains between art and religion.

From time immemorial art and religion, like true lovers, have alternately fought and embraced each other. This hectic relationship will doubtless continue until we accept the fact that they are inseparable aspects of human life. As long as we are going to have culture and civilization in any recognizable form, we shall have both art and religion.

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We need to begin with the simple fact that art and religion have enjoyed periods of intimate harmony. They have never been closer together than they were in primitive culture. They were then so close as to be inseparable if not indistinguishable from each other. They were part and parcel of everything that happened in the life of the people. The great tribal feasts and dances were both art and religion as we understand those terms now. For example, the ceremonial dance of a certain people was held in a secluded spot where the eyes of aliens and strangers could not behold the sacred rites. Here they met and chanted their ancestral songs, recited the legends of their fathers, wore appropriate garments, danced about the totem poles on which were carved likenesses of their god or gods. If perchance upon this occasion they were celebrating the deliverance of their fathers from famine, a drama was certain of being enacted. Some of the participants would drop to the ground feigning death from starvation. Others would run feebly about looking everywhere for food. Suddenly the hero of the tribe would always appear bringing food. Then the dead would spring up from the ground, the weakening ones would revive and the dance would whirl on to a triumphant climax. This is art, but it is also religion. It is art because they dance, they sing, they dramatize. but it is also religion. It is art because they dance, they sing, they dramatize, they adorn, they carve and they paint. It is religion because it catches up the living persons, reunites them with their past, consecrates them to a new sense of fellowship with one another and strength-ens them for their task.

ens them for their task.

It is no derogation of modern religious services to point out that they have recognizable connections with early religious ceremony. Our secluded place is the church or the cathedral; we meet there as a body; we read from our scriptures; in some churches we have likenesses of divine beings; most churches have vestments which set apart the officiaries; we dramatize the experience of God and of man meeting God in our ritual. This is religion, profound religion we say. It is likewise art and if properly we say. It is likewise art and if properly done it can be great art.

Art in the Hebrew-Christian Traditions

The Hebrew tradition in which we share in so many fundamental ways made share in so many fundamental ways made a wide but quite uneven use of art. It rejected some art forms altogether—notably sculpturing and what might be called the art of personal and public adornment. Why this aversion? The Hebrews were deathly afraid of idols, images or any graven or carved likeness of man or God. It was a sacrilege they thought and they would have none of it. But they did make wide and free use of various other art forms. The simple architecture of their early temples gradually became more ornate and eloquent in the later ones. They used the song, the dance and all forms of instrumental music in their temple liturgies and folk festivals. They used poetry and chants, or psalms set to music, in the stately services of

worship in temple and synagogue. The early Christians, being Jews, followed this ancestral pattern of art forms quite closely. But from the outset, the Christians faced a serious problem. Sur-

rounded as they were and preaching to idol-loving Greeks and Romans, they thundered against idols, idol worship and everything connected with them. Since Greek and Roman drama were based upon the legends of pagan religion, the Christian preachers rejected the Greek and Roman theaters and the rich dramatic tian preachers rejected the Greek and Roman theaters and the rich dramatic traditions of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides. It is fair to say that they held in sharp suspicion any evidence that anyone was enjoying life, and under their influence the happy dances of earlier peoples subsided into silent processionals, and the vivacious folk songs that used to be spontaneous shouts of joy became sober chants.

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But these ancient arts did not die easily nor did they conform readily to the lines laid down by the early Christian preachers. They kept on stirring among early Christians until these prohibitions were either modified or removed. They burst forth in radiant expression once more. Instead of plain meeting houses the great basilicas and cathedrals came into existence. The early chants gave way to basilicas and cathedrals came into exist-ence. The early chants gave way to Palestrina and to later geniuses of the musical tradition of the Church. The folk festivals all over Europe once more were infected (if that is the word we want) and they became religious cere-monials. The Christian drawings in the catacombs of Rome, so rich in religious symbolism, do but foreshadow later art-ists such as Michelangelo, da Vinci and Dürer.

You may have heard the thirteenth century called the "great century" of the Christian tradition. Indeed by any manner Christian tradition. Indeed by any manner of reckoning it is one of the greatest we have had. For in it there was a profound fusion of art and religion such as we had not seen before nor have we seen since. It was the age when the great cathedrals were built, when Dante's "Divine Comedy" was written and when Thomas Aquinas' "Summa Theologica" was put in final form. All these must be regarded as ways of preaching the one and the same Gospel, not by word of mouth, not simply in logical form, but by means of every artistic medium known to man.

Separation between Art and Religion in the Modern World

strange as it may seem, the most spectacular of all conflicts between art and religion came on the heels of the "great century" with the Renaissance. The fifteenth and sixteenth centuries saw a burst of the artistic spirit which knew no bounds. Men became interested in the classics of ancient Greece and Rome and under the spur of this interest brought into existence some of our most exquisite art forms. They were less convinced by the Church than they had been previously and paid considerably less attention to the ethical admonitions of the Church. Since the morality of the day was based upon religious sanction, the morals of the people decayed with the decline of their interest in religion. Read a book such as Ralph Roeder's "The Man of the Renaissance," and you get an excellent description of how flabby the age became. It is only fair to say that many became. It is only fair to say that many of the popes of that period were more interested in having artists than saints in their courts.

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Savonarola, a mystical monk in Florence, beheld this decline in morals with great alarm. He preached against it with such vigor and effectiveness that he was reckoned the foremost preacher of his time. He was feared and respected by pope and king alike, even though he did not exert any great influence on their behavior. He succeeded in getting control of the civil authority in Florence, and when he did he set about cleaning up the of the civil authority in Florence, and when he did he set about cleaning up the situation there. One of the first things he did was to collect all of the classics he could find and have a great bonfire in the public square of the city. It was his dramatic way of saying that the new interest in art had undercut morality and that the arrival way that the set is the contract to the catalists. new interest in art had undercut morality and that the only way to re-establish morality was to destroy art. But Savonarola was a strayed ghost of an earlier day when there was another fire in the public square of Florence. This time Savonarola was burned.

Our Puritan ancestors had more than a grudge against art: they carried on a full-scale war against it, too. Parrington's "Main Currents in American Thought"

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vigor. They resolved to make their services of worship the acme of simplicity—and they succeeded. Vestments, ritual, liturgy and ornate buildings were taboo. When the Puritans seized civil power, they closed the theater forthwith as an instrument of the Devil. We might note in passing that they closed it so effectively that the theater did not really regain its power for a hundred years! The churches in New England today continue to show traces of this early austerity. Whether you stand in the First Baptist Church of Providence, R.I., or in the lovely Memorial Church of Harvard University, you sense the fact that these buildings are simplicity itself: they are rectangular in shape, they are constructed of plain stone or wood and for the most part the windows are still made of clear glass, though here and there stained glass is beginning to testify to a compromise with early Puritan custom. Much of the criticism which is leveled against churches that strive for a wider use of all vigor. They resolved to make their servof the criticism which is leveled against churches that strive for a wider use of all churches that strive for a wider use of all art forms today continues to come from those who either have not taken the trouble to re-examine their Puritan heritage, or who, having done so, continue to believe it valid in its attempt to separate art and religion.

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Organ Development in America Traced; Revival Is Noted

By FRED M. LEIPER

There's a rebirth of the appreciation of organ music these days and the popularity of serious organ music, as well as the popular variety, is growing by leaps and bounds. It's hard to predict where it may all lead to. What's it all about, any-way? Let's start back a few years and trace the events which lead up to this revival of interest.

Early America started out with some fine examples of the art of organ build-ing, following the traditional lines as handed down from Europe and brought to a high state of development at the latter part of the nineteenth century. The names of Johnson, Roosevelt, Midmer, Hook, Jardine and others will go down in history as highlights of early-American organ design. The organs these firms produced had diapason choruses, mixtures, low pressure wind and singing tone. They were musical instruments in their own right, imitating nothing. But at the advent of the twentieth century we began to go modern and anything that was fifty years old was ancient and had to be reyears old was ancient and had to be re-placed. Electricity was replacing old-fash-ioned lighting, machines were beginning to do the work formerly done by manual labor, the automobile was replacing the horse and buggy and it was only natural that these "old-fashioned pipe organs" should be improved upon and replaced by modern "electric" instruments which were easy to play and sounded sweeter. That was progress, so they thought!

was progress, so they thought!

By 1930 the "mighty organ" as exemplified in the theaters was publicized and many churches installed theater-like inmany churches installed theater-like in-struments to replace those old antique affairs which were just *falling apart* and had to be removed. Then came sound movies and the theater organs passed out and along with them nearly so the art of organ building in America. A few lone builders, such as Ernest M. Skinner, were still making some notable instruments which rightly take their places in history, but in general, particularly in the smaller churches, some awful tonal schemes were churches, some awful tonal schemes were the rage. The general plan for a small church organ went something like this: A swell consisting entirely of eight-foot flutes and strings, a four-foot flute and a sweet sounding oboe. A great, half-bor-rowed from the swell, to which was added a dulciana and a big tubby diapason to top it all off. As one tried to build up to "full organ" nothing much happened until the diapason came on, which, sitting out in front and constituting the display por-tion of the case, usually took the hats right off the female choristers' heads. Accompaniment of the choir was nearly impossible but Lemare's Andantino surely sounded sweet! Some very obliging but totally untrained musician was often the organist and with the tremulant eternally secured "on" the trembling sounds which emerged were what the average public became accustomed to know as organ music. The large organs in the concert halls were used less and less and with the coming of organ background music on the radio the organ hit its all-time low

in this country.

No doubt the economics of the situation had a lot to do with this sorry plight. The larger churches in the big cities could afford full-time organists who were gen-erally well-trained and played good organ music, but the great majority of our churches were medium to small in size and the position of organist was usually on a part-time and sometimes even on a volunteer basis so that not much time could be spent studying the history of organs, the proper methods of playing them and the appreciation of true organ music. To make matters worse the cheaper publishing houses put out a raft of cheap, simple and sweet-sounding trash which just suited these little organs and the ability of the part-time organist. With chapters of the A.G.O. found only in the larger cities the plight of the part-time organist was nearly helpless. Happily this sad situation is changing

Happily this sad situation is changing rapidly and organ design and music are having a re-birth in this country. Here's how it all started. In the middle thirties a certain gentleman named G. Donald Harrison came over from England and, seeing the sorry state of our American organ design, decided to do something about it. "The organ must be kept in its original form," said Mr. Harrison, and he proceeded to build organs with the ensemble following classic lines. In 1937 he was allowed to demonstrate his ideas by installing a so-called "bahis ideas by installing a so-called "baroque" organ in the Germanic Museum of Harvard University. This organ had a classic style ensemble, stood entirely in the open without swell boxes, was voiced on low-pressure wind, contained no imitative solo voices and had no tremulant nor expression pedals. It literally set the organ world ablaze. Another gentleman just arrived from England, E. Power Biggs, proceeded to play the entire organ works of Bach on this organ, charging admission for each performance and fill-ing the museum to the doors for the en-tire series. What happened to create such interest?

Well, in the first place, the musical before. While old in principle it was new to modern America. It appealed to musicians in other fields because the organ was again an instrument in its own right and was not an imitation of the orchestra as people were generally beginning to be-lieve. Through the perseverance of Mr. Biggs this organ became more widelysigns this organ became more widely-known than any other American instrument anywhere, due mainly to radio broadcasts and phonograph recordings which had suddenly become popular. In the war years and subsequently a revival of organ music came as the result of the improvement of recording and playing ap-paratus so that organ music once more began to come into its own and many of our best-known organists made recordings

for the public to hear.

At the same time there also started one of the bitterest battles in the organ fra-ternity which this country has ever seen. People were afraid that the new rage in classic design might go as far in its extremes as the previous romantic designs had gone the other way. Organists were afraid they might never see an orchestral

oboe or French horn in their stoplists again, that the axe was sure to fall on their swell chambers and that "screaming mixtures" would most certainly replace solid eight-foot tone. All manner of articles and letters were written and the bat-tle of the "romantic vs. classic" style organ was on. The writer put in his two cents worth and many very learned people wrote long dissertations on the subject, but it all came out pretty sensibly in the end. Today most builders have the "mud" cleaned out from their tonal schemes and have clarified their ensembles without sacrificing beauty. One can still include an orchestral imitation, chimes and harp in the stoplist and they are still building swell boxes and tremulants. One can buy a real classic organ if he wishes and just about any combination of the two he may choose. The sad decline of the twenties has been halted and we are in a definite upward trend for the better. But that isn't all; we are just beginning and great

things are ahead!
Along about 1948, with the introduction Along about 1946, with the introduction of the long-playing record, came high fidelity recording which actually reproduces music about as it sounds originally. Until recent years it wasn't worth the money and effort to put full range frequency response on records because the average phonograph just couldn't reproduce it. Now with "hi-fi" equipment available it is possible to reproduce music in one's home which sounds exactly as it did when recorded. This type of equipment can be very expensive but popularly-priced kits for home use are now becoming common-place and hi-fi outfits will be as common as the better-known phonographs. To-gether with this there is an ever-increasing number of hi-fi fans who, although they enjoy music too, are interested mainly in the perfection of their outfits. This group of listeners has only recently discovered that the organ gives them the best test of their equipment they can find since no other instrument or group of in-struments has the frequency range of the organ and, consequently, no other form of music makes such severe demands on their reproduction equipment.

Timed just right to meet this demand of the hi-fi fans and the organ music lovers as well, come some very fine European organ recordings which fairly make one's spine tingle with their sonorities and faithful organ tone. Earliest of these is a lovely set of three long-playing discs by Albert Schweitzer playing the music of Bach and the Mendelssohn Sonata 6. The recordings are made in the little parish church at Gunsbach, Alsace, and are remarkable for their clear, singing tone. Although the organ is small, the beauty of the music, as interpreted by the great scholar and authority on Bach, is outstanding, particularly the chorale preludes which he has chosen to play. Following this come more Bach recordings by Helthis come more Bach recordings by Hel-mut Walcha, the blind German organist, and just recently Carl Weinrich has undertaken the big job of recording the entire works of Bach on a small organ in the Lutheran Church of Skanninge, Swed-en. Some of this has already been done and the results are reported to be unusual. But the real test for the hi-fi outfits so far comes from a set of two records

far comes from a set of two records made by E. Power Biggs which he re-corded while making a recital tour in Europe. Mr. Biggs plays organs old and

new in the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, performing the music of Sweelinck, Pachelbel and Buxtehude, in some cases on the same or-gans these great forerunners of Bach (and Bach himself) played. From the manifi-cent sonorities of the new Steinmeyer classical organ in the cathedral in Trondclassical organ in the cathedral in Trondheim to the silvery, clear tone of the small organ in St. Jacobi Kirche in Lübeck, one can revel in all kinds of marvelous music. Buxtehude and Bach undoubtedly played the organ in St. Jacobi Kirche which originally dates back to the fifteenth century. Of particular appeal, at least to the writer, is the famous old Gobler organ built in 1730 in the Monastery Church at Weingarten. The organ is 50 beautiful and the acoustics so perfect that the music of Pachelbel seems almost to be descending from heaven above. One be descending from heaven above. One wishes there might be a great deal more

In retrospect it seems that some of those who were so harsh in their criticism of the trend back to classic organ design might have been more tolerant and undermight have been more tolerant and understanding if they could have heard recordings like these. Some pertinent facts certainly stand out above all others: (1) The old classic organs were built to sound properly in the churches for which they were built; the acoustics of the building were studied and the organs voiced accordingly with due account being taken of the period of reverberation, etc. (2) of the period of reverberation, etc. (2)
The designers of over two centuries ago knew their business. The art has improved so little, at least as far as tonal design is concerned, since then. (3) The organ is one of the oldest instruments in existence and is not supposed to be and accurately and is not supposed to be and never should be intended as an imitation of the orches-

tra. It is an instrument in its own right.
It appears now as if the faithful repro-It appears now as if the faithful reproduction of great organ music by leading organists on high fidelity records will awake a new interest in the "king of instruments." More people are listening to good organ music than ever before and as they become acquainted with it will demand good music in our churches both in service playing and recital. The student and enthusiast today have a privilege none of us had twenty years ago. of us had twenty years ago.

OBERLIN CONSERVATORY held its sixth annual festival of contemporary music Feb. 23-25. Wallingford Riegger was the guest composer-conductor. Robert Fountain directed the college choir in Kodaly's Miss Brevis, with Joseph Miranda at the organ.

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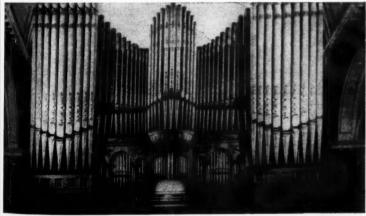
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For a Church Music Week

Just about every national organization nd profession has its day or week dedi-ated to itself and its interest. One of cated the latest of these is the National Opera Guild, which claims a membership of more than 60,000 opera devotees. To de-part from the sublime it might be men-tioned that the Chicago owner of a chain of restaurants only last month had a of restaurants only last month had a "pork festival", at which his menus were marked by a variety of pork dishes, partly to celebrate the fact that pork was bringing a record low price.

Why not a church music or organ week? This could end with a Sunday at which our organists could make good use of the opportunity to spread the gospel of church music. This could make church attendants awaken to the fact any church attendants awaken to the fact that there is such a thing as church music, and that it is not merely a part of the service that is indispensable but goes with the rest of the service—just like the duties performed by an efficient sexton, who is seldom seen by the wor-shipers, but whose very essential work may be taken for granted.

Church music week could be put to good use in teaching congregations new hymns, or how to sing old ones better. There are innumerable ways in which a director of an inventive mind could make one evening after another so interesting that every year he would fill the church with those who wished to know about hymns, anthems and organ literature. This opening of the eyes of the people in the process would no doubt bring benefits to the organists and choirmasters who made it a point to endeavor to educate church members who may not be familiar with the musical setups of their churches. We now have a Guild Sunday which has proved of definite interest, but a church music week, which would include all churches, would stimulate even broader interest.

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Agrees with Mr. Norden.

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Washington, D.C., March 11, 1956—
Dear Mr. Gruenstein?

To the letter by Mr. N. Lindsay Norden published in the March issue of The Diapason, I say "Amen."

For some time I, too, have been on the verge of writing such a letter and I wholly subscribe to Mr. Norden's sentiments.

If the churches have to depend on their junior choirs to build up their membership, it is certainly a sad commentary on their ability to present religion in an interesting and attractive manner and certainly indicates religious failure.

When the pastor beams on all the new members the junior choirs are attracting, he should add "be-bop" and "rock an' roll" and see how many more children will turn out.

Sinerely.

Sincerely.

Kenneth E. Runkel Replies.

Russell, Ky., March 10, 1956—
Dear Mr. Gruenstein:
Mr. N. Lindsay Norden's letter reads well, but any failure in the multiple choir system lies in the lack of training, not in the system itself. Many an adult choir shows the same woeful lack of training. Mr. Norden implies only an adult choir can reach the highest quality of performance. The high school-age choir and the junior choir produce a different quality of tone, of course, but many a high school choir's performance is far above the average. And haven't you ever heard of the famous boy-choirs?...
The churches which have from three to six choirs oftentimes do not stress the quality of their music or its performance as they should. Their object is to attract people to the service and sermon, not once but repeatedly. Religion, it seems, can be enjoyed without a perfected musical program. With these churches three to six choirs are primarily to augment church attendance, not to add to the cultural side of the service.

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Parenthetically, a choir composed of youngsters (4½ to 7), can't be a choir because the word choir presupposes a group of singers. The minister's curt order that the dear juniors sing every Sunday evening will never produce a choir of quality.

I say strongly a well-trained church musician with favorable conditions can produce a multiple-choir program capable of really artistic results. Too many churches (counting all and any that have a choir loft and any type of two-manual and pedal instrument) demand nothing, endure anything, pay little or nothing and resist musical improvement. I believe it is a sad truth that over fifty per cent of organists sight-read every Sunday morning.

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Sincerely.

KENNETH E. RUNKEL.

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Atlanta, Ga., March 8, 1956—
Dear Mr. Gruenstein:

The letter from Mr. N. Lindsay Norden concerning multiple choirs in the March issue of The Drapason stirs me to take issue with several of his points of argument.

I heartily feel that not all churches are using music merely as a "pew-filler" as Mr. Norden contends. It is true that churches with fine music will attract more than the church with less than adequate music, and as for churches being condemned for using music and choirs as a device to attract children, more power to them! It is healthy that a church can say that there are more people—children or adults—on their membership roll because of the music program.

Mr. Norden points out that "if they (youth choirs) rehearse each week they must sing in the church service..." In the Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, we do not emphasize a choir's performance as much as a child's participation in the choir. We are careful to schedule enough performances under controlled conditions to keep the children working steadily. For children in the first three grades of public school. curing an eight-month choir program the children sing in our weekly afternoon musical service three or four times. Children on the junior level participate only a little more in this service, but they do gain their experience in singing for children their own age in our young people's church program. The high school choir operates similarly, singing primarily for its own contemporaries. Thus our youth choirs gain the necessary experience, and yet they are not singing in the morning worship service. In calling the job of a choir director who maintains a multiple choir system "social service work." Mr. Norden degrades a perfectly normal function of such a position. A choir director must be vitally interested in each of his singers. He must concern himself with his future source of supply (today's youth). Singers often regard their choir director as more of a minister to

them than is the church pastor. He must be acutely aware of their problems, must be at their call, must be ready to help them wherever possible. Singers respond better to one they love or respect.

To say that fine music is impossible where a director maintains a multiple choir system is indeed a dangerous statement. There are many examples of churches with fine choirs on all age levels. Edward Johe in Columbus, and Donald Kettring in Pittsburgh, are only two men doing superior work with both youth and adults.

Children and youth deserve a place in a church music program. They can make fine contributions to the music of the church, both in terms of the present and in the future when they will be better-trained members of the adult choir.

Sincerely,

Theodore W. Ripper.

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Alan Walker Adds His Complaint.

Tarboro, N.C., March 5, 1956—
Dear Mr. Gruenstein:
The letter of N. Lindsay Norden in complaint of multiple choirs will no doubt sti up much controversy. Indeed it should, at the letter is quite illogical in every paragraph

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It is, of course, true that if a choir system is built just to draw in a lot of people and at the same time gives little regard to the standard of music, it is a bad thing. But when Mr. Norden assumes that any church with more than one choir is "merely wasting time and carrying on fruitless procedures" he is taking something less than a candid viewpoint. Perhaps there are one or more churches in his locality where the system is misused. If this is the case, one can understand his prejudice.

Mr. Norden does not like the idea of children's choirs singing in church services. I believe, too, that as a general rule the adult choir should furnish the choir music. But I find it difficult to agree with the idea that children's choirs should never sing at church services. What could be more fitting then to have children sing on Palm Sunday, for a Christmas pageant, or for a family service (which most churches have in one form or another once or more a year)? In most churches there are several special services in the year at which the junior choir(s) could sing. . . .

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I further disagree with the idea that no one capable of producing fine church music, say, with an adult choir, will be successful with junior choir work. It is probably true that most directors are better at one than the other, but it does not mean that they cannot be good at both.

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Mr. Norden goes on to explain that "no musician who is well schooled and experienced in the handling of choruses . . . is interested in doing social work . . . For this (multiple choir) work primarily there is needed a social worker, not a schooled musician". Perhaps multiple choir work has been made into social work in some cases, but this is beyond its scope and certainly not the intention of such a program. Mr. Norden begins his letter by praising the music programs that five or six of the large New York and Philadelphia churches have had. Then later in his letter he complains that few, if any, places that have multiple choirs have music similar to the grade of those particular New York and Philadelphia churches. Why doesn't he compare his home town ball team with the New York Yankees? But I won't let it go at that. Let me say that I have heard the choirs of most of the particular churches he mentions and agree that they are very fine, but I have seen several situations wherein small churches or larger churches with multiple choirs have done just as well or better with what they have had to work with.

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As I said earlier, a multiple choir system can be misused and undesirable results achieved. But there have also been tragic results in situations where churches have had merely a good musician. A case in point would be your editorial which appears on the same page as Mr. Norden's letter, telling of a capable organist and choir director who proved a failure because he did nothing but Buxtehude, Bach and some advanced moderns. He had little conception of the needs of the congregation. There may be people who say that a church should never hire a good musician because he's apt to be so idealistic that what he does will have no relationship to the congregation. As illogical as this is, it is no more so than Mr. Norden's assumption that multiple choirs are bad in general because a wrong emphasis is placed on them in some cases.

[Two communications received from readers of The Diapason did not reveal the names of the writers. In common with nearly all publications, we do not publish anonymous letters and shall appreciate it if the writers in question will send us their names, not necessarily for publication, but for our records.]

Looking Back into the Past

Forty-five years ago the following new was recorded in the issue of April 1, 1911—

THE DIAPASON published the specification of the large organ to be built by the Austin Company for the city hall at Portland, Maine, the gift of Cyrus H. Curtis.

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On the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, Harrison M. Wild on March 6 was the recipient of a beautiful Venetian scene painted by the Chicago artist, Gruber, and presented to Mr. Wild by the Apollo Club, of which he was the conductor. The Ernest M. Skinner Company announced that it was building organs for the following among others: Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo. four-manual; Williams College, Williams town, Mass., four-manual; Asylum Congregational Church, Hartford, Congregational Church of the Holy Communion, New York, four-manual; Andover Theological Seminary, three-manual.

George H. Fairclough of St. Paul pre George H. Fairclough of St. Paul presided at the first service of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, held March 15, and gave a recital Stanley R. Avery of St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, played the prelude to the service.

Twenty-five years ago, The Diapasox in its issue of April 1, 1931 reported the following events:

The large Skinner organ presented to Severance Hall, the \$2,500,000 home of the Cleveland Orchestra, was dedicated with a recital by Palmer Christian March 6. The instrument is a four-manual of eighty-nine sets of pipes.

Charles Galloway of St. Louis, Mo. one of the outstanding organists of America, was stricken with a heart attack while conducting a reheared at Wash

while conducting a rehearsal at Washington University March 9 and died within an hour. He had been organist at 5t. Peter's Episcopal Church for twenty-seven years. Mr. Galloway was a favorite pupil of Alexandre Guilmant, who inscribed his Seventh Sonata to Mr. Galloway.

Henry H. Holtkamp, the Cleveland organ builder, died March 16 at Minot N. D., where he was stricken with "flu" while superintending the installation of a new organ.

en years ago the following news was recorded in the issue of April 1, 1946

William E. Pilcher, Sr., prominent organ builder, died March 14 in Louisville, Ky. He was 87 years old.

Henry Francis Parks, who spent thirteen years in China, told of musical activities while a prisoner of the Japanese in Shapedai.

in Shanghai.

Parts of Charles Tournemire's book on the art of Cesar Franck was translated of Gilman Chase and appeared in The DIAPASON.

One of the first entirely new post-war organs, built by M. P. Möller, was dedicated at the Westwood First Presbyterial Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Disagrees With Mr. Norden.

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I have just read in the March 1 DIAPASON
Mr. Norden's criticism of the use of choirs,
particularly junior choirs to draw children
and others into the church. He says, "No
musician who is well schooled and experienced . . . is interested in doing social
service work." I am wondering whether Mr.
Norden's music is played for the praise of
God, the drawing of all the people of the
church into a spirit of worship and a dedication and expression of his own love of
God, or as a concert of "fine music" for
the glorification of music.

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If there is one reason, it seems to me, for us to strive for better music in the church it is as a social service. We who use our talent for music to help others in their worship of God cannot fail to realize that if the opportunity arises for us to draw others into the church through junior choirs or any other method, it is our duty to do so.

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What is "dignity" compared to the raisir of devout voices in praise to God for lot of Him? What is "fine music" if it does n fan the flame of true worship and enhall its meaning? What did "dignity" mean One who said "Come unto me. ye who a weary and heavy laden, and I will give y

rest."? With all respect,

CARRIE ESTHER HAMMIL

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Choral, Solo, Organ

By BENJAMIN HADLEY

The list of choral music for review this month is headed by a "Hymnal and Service Book for Male Voices" arranged and edited by Albert J. Strohm, and published by the Clayton F. Summy Company. This hymnal contains a wide variety of service music from chorales and plainsong to "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The hymna revery well-arranged for TTBB and sound quite natural in this form. It should prove useful for all men's choirs.

Three other TTBB items come from Harold Flammer: "Upon a Hill" by Lois Townsley, arranged by Wallingford Riegger, "O Saviour of the World" by James R. Pears, arranged by Riegger, and a rousing "Easter Call to Worship" by Ralph L. Grosvenor.

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Treble voices are provided for in two pieces for SSA from the Galaxy Music Corporation: "Sancta Maria" (English words), an ethereal setting by Marcel G. Frank, and "Sing of Christmas," a pleasant number with a pastoral quality by Amy Worth. From Flammer comes "The Chelsea Unison Choir Book," compiled by Frances Williams. Many of these have optional second parts and some are available separately. These pieces are of uneven quality and range from such good pieces as "Sing Praises to God," Frances Williams; "Carol of the Reindeer," Thomas Charles Lee, and "Easter Bell Carol," Elinor F. Davies, to such sentimentality as "Mother's Day Anthem" by Phyllis Brown Ohanian, and some rather poor responses. poor responses.

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The selection in service music is sparse this month; however, there is a fine setting of the Te Deum by Richard Latham, from British American. This is of the best in contemporary English music, and although not easy to perform, it should be worth the effort involved. Purcell's Jubilate Deo in D has been published by

Choral, Solo, Organ and Keyboard Works Make Up New Issues

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Flammer has sent a collection, "The Riegger Anthem Book," and two other pieces for SAB. Some of the numbers in the collection are available separately. Some of Wallingford Riegger, and all men's choirs.

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From Galaxy come three other SATB numbers: "My Heart Is Ready, O God," a very interesting a cappella composition with many divisi passages, by Sven Lekberg; "Prayer of St. Francis," a straightforward piece with a number of rhythmic changes, by Helen C. Rockefeller, and "Whoever Believes in Me" by Eugene Feher.

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An Easter Hymn, "The Saviour Is Arisen," a translation of "Der Heiland ist erstanden," is by Alois Taux, from British American. It is a hymn and does not pretend to be anything else. From Flammer is: "Hosanna, Blessed Is He that

Cometh," a rather monotonous setting by Hazel Hedges; "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," a quite dramatic setting of the familiar tune by Elliott Goodwin; "Give unto the Lord the Glory," an attempt to make the full choir sing in recitative style by M. Berry Seay, and "Great Is the Lord," the Bach Prelude in C with choral accompaniment, also by Mr. Seay.

An interesting solo for high voice by Katherine K. Davis, is "My God Hath Sent His Angel." This has many changes of mood with much in recitative style. A good singer could make this sound quite impressive. Galaxy is the publisher.

The new organ repertory is small with only one collection—the first volume of the new Novello (British American) series, entitled "Festal Voluntaries." This volume is for Lent, Passiontide and Palm Sunday. The five pieces are on familiar tunes for this season. Thiman's Canzonetta on "Horsley," Norman Gilbert's Pastorale on "Rockingham" and Willan's "Epilogue on St. Theodulph" are typical settings in the popular British tradition. "Introitus on Herzliebster Jesu" by Gordon Slater, is a very different and haunting treatment of this chorale melody. Desmond Ratcliffe's "Reflection on the Passion Chorale" is a much bigger piece than is usual with this tune. We look forward to the other volumes in this series.

Two books have just been sent in by the Mills Music Company: "Extemporisation" by Alec Rowley, and "Seventy-Five A.R.C.O. Transposition Tests in Hymn-Tune Form" by Reginald Hunt. The former is a brief survey on the subject beginning at the elementary level. The transposition tests are short eight to sixteen-measure exercises to be transposed. Many could profit by daily practice from this manual.

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Programs of Organ Recitals of the Month

Heinrich Fleischer, Valparaiso, Ind.—Dr. God Does Is Well Done," Kellner; "Tumult Fleischer played the following program at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, the University of Chicago, Feb. 14: Organ Mass Organis Vavishta," Alain; Air with Variations, Sowerby; Carol-Prelude on "Greensleeves," Searle Wright; "Thou Art Fugue in F sharp minor, Buxtehude; "Leiturgia," Fantasy on the Swedish Chorale, "Jehovah, Thee We Glorify," Yury Arbatsky; Verses for the "Nunc Dimittis," Friedell; Toccata "We Now Implore God, the Holy Ghost," Ludwig Lenel; Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach.

Harry P. Hitchen, Alford R. Rocker, "Cantilene," Suite Breve, "Leguer and Language and L

Harry P. Hitchen, Altoona, Pa.-Mr. Harry P. Hitchen, Altoona, Pa.—Mr. Hitchen played the second anniversary recital on the Möller organ at Trinity Lutheran Church, Juniata, Feb. 12. The program included: Suite for a Musical Clock, Handel; "Cantilene," Rheinberger; Variations de Concert, Bonnet; "Elegy," Purvis; "Aberystwyth," Whitney; Fantasie and Fugue in Gminor, Bach; "Intermezzo," Callaerts; "Piece Mercikies" Franck minor, Bach; "Inte Heroique," Franck

Carolyn Byers, Spartanburg, S. C.—Miss yers, a student of Rachel Pierce at Conerse College, played her senior recital ne Twichell Auditorium March 2. R Magoulas, tenor, appeared on the same program. Organ numbers were the following: Noel "Grand Jeu et Duo," Daquin; Fantasie in F minor, K.608, Mozart; Sonata 2, Hindemith; Three Kleine Präludien and Intermezzi, Schroeder.

Marion Hutchinson, F.A.G.O., Minneapolis, Minn.—Miss Hutchinson played the following recital March 11 at St. Mark's Cathedral: Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major, "O Lamb of God, Most Guittless" and "Christ Lay in Bonds of Death," Bach; Preludio, Violin Sonata 9, Corelli; Toccata, "Oedipus et Thebus," Mereaux; Theme and Variations, Hokanson; Chorale in B minor, Franck; "Song of Peace," "Nazard" and "Suite Francaise," Langlais; Financh, Dupré.

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Clarice Marlow, Aberdeen, Wash.—The senior choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church sponsored Miss Marlow in a recital March 4. Her program: "Psalm 19," Marcello; "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit," Buxtehude; "My Heart Is Ever Yearning," Brahms; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; "Rhosymedre," Vaughan Williams; "The Suspended Garden," Alain; "Eli, Eli, Lamma Sabacthani," Tournemire; Aria, Peeters; "Thou Art the Rock," Mulet.

Marilyn Mason, Ann Arbor, Mich.—
Miss Mason was sponsored in a recital Feb.
26 by the Peoria, Ill., Chapter of the A.G.O.
at the First Methodist Church. Her program
was as follows: Presto, Concerto 5, Handel;
Three Little Dances, Rameau-Mason; Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Trois
Danses, Alain; "Epilogue" (pedal solo),
Langiais; Two Hymn-Preludes, Searle
Wright; "Roulade," Bingham; "Grand
Choeur Dialogue," Gigout; Arloso, Bach.
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Choeur Dialogue," Gigout; Arioso, Bach.
Wilfred Tremblay, Bangor, Maine—The
Bangor Chapter sponsored Mr. Tremblay in
a recital on the Buffum Memorial Hammond electronic organ at the Church of
Universal Fellowship, Orono, March 6. Mr.
Tremblay was assisted by Mary Saunders
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Tremblay, soprano. Organ numbers were
as follows: Toccata, Frescobaldi; "Sheep
May Safely Graze," Bach; Giga, Loeiller,
Concerto 2 in B flat, Handel; Solemn Meiody, Davies; Scherzo, "Midsummer Night's
Dream," Mendelssohn; "Siciliani," Bossi;
"May Night," Palmgren; Toccata, Symphony
5, Widor.

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Howard Rigby, Maplewood, N. J.—A recital was given March 4 by Mr. Rigby at the Prospect Presbyterian Church. He played the following program: Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, Buxtehude; Three Chorale Preludes and Prelude and Fugue in C minor. Bach; Concerto 10, Handel; Two Pleces for the Musical Clocks, Haydn; Piece Herolque, Franck.

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Gerhard Krapf, A.A.G.O., Maryville, Mo.

—Mr. Krapf played a faculty recital for
Northwest Missouri State College March 5
at the First Christian Church. His program:

Prolude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Variations on "Mein junges Leben hat ein ranstons on Mein junges Leben hat ein End," Sweelinck; Toccata and Fugue in E major, Krebs; Toccata in F, Hermann Grabner; "Gelobest seist Du, Jesu Christ" "Quem Pastores Laudavere" and "Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein," Walcha; Fantasie in F minor, Mozart.

Paul Pettinga, Urbana, III.—Mr. Pettinga played a faculty recital at the University of Illinois auditorium Feb. 26. His program: Magnificat (Primo tono), Buxtehude; "Ave Maris Stella," Titelouze; Toccata for the Vilutes Stapley." "Kompn. beliling. Celet. Flutes, Stanley; "Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott," "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" and Prelude and Fugue in G major, Bach; "Benedictus," Reger; Scherzo, Gigout: Suite Langlais.

Kathryn Loew, Lake Forest, Ill.—Mrs. Loew played a recital at the Church of the Holy Spirit March 4. Her program was as follows: Three Voluntaries, John Blow; Swiss Noel with Variations, Daquin; Fantasie and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "What

the Rock," Mulet.

Annie Mae Norton, Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs.
Norton celebrated her eleventh anniversary
as organist of the First Methodist Church
by playing the following program of compositions by Langlais March 4: "Mors et
Resurrectio," "Cantilene," Suite Breve, "La
Nativite," "Dialogue sur les Mixtures,"
"Chant de Paix," Finale, Symphony 1. In
recent pre-service recitals, Mrs. Norton has
played: Toccata and Fugue in D minor,
"Jesu, meine Freude," "Nun komm, der
Heiden Heiland" and Prelude and Fugue in
A minor, Bach; Fantasia on "Ton-y-Botel,"
Purvis; "The Cathedral at Night," Marriott;
Toccata on "Sleepers Wake," Miles Martin; "Carillon," Sowerby; Pastorale, Clokey:
"The Faithful Shepherd," Handel; "Truro,"
Bingham; Toccata, Pachelbel; "Poeme,"
Benoit; "Rhosymedre," Vaughan Williams;
"Benedictus," Reger; "Harmonies du Soir,"
Karg-Elert; Aria, Peeters; "Thou Art the
Rock," Mulet. Rock." Mulet.

Virgil C. Toms, Mount Vernon, Iowa—Mr. Toms played a recital at Cornell College's King Memorial Chapel March 4. His program: Prelude and Fugue in G major, "Christ lag in Todesbanden," "Das alte Jahr vergangen ist" and Passacaglia in C minor, Bach; "Vom Himmel hoch," Edmundson; Adagio. Concerto in G mlnon Matthew Camidge; Variations sur un Noel Dupré.

Ronald Arnatt, F.T.C.L., F.A.G.O., St. Louis, Mo.—The Central Missouri Chapter of the A.G.O. sponsored Mr. Arnatt in a recital Feb. 27 at the First Christian Church. recital Feb. 27 at the First Christian Church, Columbia. He included the following on his program: Canzona in the Hypolydian Mode, Gabrieli; Partite sopra la Follia, Frescobaldi; Prelude and Fugue in A minor and Canonic Vaiations on "Vom Himmel hoch," Bach; Prelude and Fugue in A minor, "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee" and "Deck Thyself, My Soul," Brahms; Chorale in E flat, Karg-Elert; Fugue on the "Kyrle," Couperin; Pastorale, Franck; Five Interludes. Tournemire; "Apparition de l'Eglise Eternelle," Messiaen; Arioso, Sowerby; Plainsong Prelude 3, Antiphon to the Benedictus for Good Friday Tenebrae and Prodictus for Good Friday Tenebrae and Procession. Arnatt.

Nesta Lloyd Williams, F.A.G.O., Columbia, Mo.—Mr. Williams played a faculty recital at Stephens College Feb. 15. His program included the following: Prelude in D minor, Pachelbel; Elevation, Couperin; "O Lamb of God, Guiltless," "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" and Fantasie and Fugue in G minor, Bach; Allegro, Symphony 6, Widor; "Requiescat in Pace," Sowerby; "Benedictus," Reger; "Roulade," Bingham; "Carillon-Sortie," Mulet. us," Reger; "R. Sortie," Mulet.

C. Gordon Wedertz, Chicago—Mr. Wedertz played the following recital Feb. 5 at Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Palm Beach, Fla.: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; "Thanks Be to Thee, Lord," Handel; Andante, Sonata 1, Borowski; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "The Seraph's Strain," Wolstenholme; "The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre," Russell; "Ave Maria," Schubert; "Priere," Lemaigre; Toccata, Symphony 5, Widor.

James Greasby, Mangum, Okla.—The Greenwood, S. C., Chapter of the A.G.O. sponsored Mr. Greasby in a recital Jan. 15 sponsored mr. Greasby in a rectial Jan. Is at the First Presbyterian Church. His program was as follows: "Christus, der ist mein Leben," Pachelbel; "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele," Bach; "Flute Solo," Arne; Concerto 2, Vivaldi-Bach; Chorale in E major, Franck; "Elegie," Peeters; "Chant de Paix" and "Chant de Joie," Langlais.

Richard J. Helms, Fort Worth, Tex.—Mr. Helms played the dedicatory recital on the Möller organ in Trinity Methodist Church, Snyder, Tex., Jan. 29. His program: Allegro Snyder, Tex., Jan. 29. His program: Allegro Pomposo, Thomas Roseingrave; Aria for the G String, Orchestral Suite in D and Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "Flute Solo," Arne; "The Cuckoo," Daquin; "A Rose Breaks into Bloom," Brahms; Fantasie on "Now Thank We All Our God," Feike Asma; "Berceuse," Vierne; "Chorale," Jongen; "Ronde Francaise," Boelmann; "Marche Grotesque," Purvis; Toccata "O Filii et Filiae," Farnam.

Robert Leech Bedell, Brooklyn, N. Y.— ir. Bedell played a recital at the Covenant outheran Church. His program: Fantasie Dr. Bedell played a recital at the Covenant Lutheran Church. His program: Fantasie in G major and Three Chorale Preludes, Bach; "Christmas-Eve 1914," Reger; "Grand Chorus in G minor," Hollins; "Priere a Notre Dame," "Gavotte Moderne" and Sortie pour Messe Basse, Bedell; "Midnight Mass in Paris," Hure; "Matin Provencal," "The Little Circus Organ," de Severac; "Meditation," "Thais," Massenet; "Dance of the Hours," "La Gioconda," Ponchielli;
"Ad Nos," Liszt; Pastorale, Jongen; Three Chorale Preludes, Bach; Harpsichord Suite, Handel; "L'Adoration Mystique," "Intermezzo" and Noel with Variations, Bedell;
"When Dusk Gathers Deep, Stebbins; Rigaudon et Musette, Lully; "In a Chinese Garden," Stoughton; "The Dancing Teddy Bear," Felton; "Deep River," Parmentier; Overture, "Mignon," Thomas.

Robert Rayfield, Chicago-At St. Paul's Robert Rayfield, Chicago—At St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, LaPorte, Ind., Feb. 26, Mr. Rayfield played the following recital: "Psalm 19." Marcello; Mass for the Use of Parishes, Couperin; Prelude and Fugue in D major, Bach; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "Sketch in E flat major," Schumann; "Intermezzo." Symphony 6, Widor; Air with Variations, Sowerby; Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Dupré.

Leonard Adams, A.A.G.O., Buffalo, N. Y. Leonard Adams, A.A.G.O., Buffalo, N. Y.—
A recital was played Jan. 15 by Mr. Adams
at the Parkside Lutheran Church. The program: Prelude in G major, Preludes 9 and
24, "The Well-Tempered Clavichord," "Rejoice Now, Beloved Christians," "To Shepherds, as They Watched by Night" and Fantasie in G major, Bach; "Intermezzo," Verrees; "Serenade." Demarest; Bourree in A
major, Leonard, Adams, Checkle in A. mirch. major, Leonard Adams; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "Soeur Monique," Couperin; Canon in the Octave, Dubois; Variations, Dupré.

Harold Fink, New York City—Mr. Fink will play the following program at the Fordham Lutheran Church April 22: Three Fantasies, Mozart; Allegro, Trio-Sonata 5, Bach; Introduction and Passacaglia, Wilan; "The Reed-Grown Waters," Karg-Elert; "Chimes de Westminster," Vierne.

Iris M. Weeks, Queens Village, N. Y.—
Miss Weeks played a recital at the Covenant
Lutheran Church, Brooklyn. Her program:
"Praise the Lord," Kousemacker; "L'Heure
Mystique" and "Marche Pontificale," Bedell;
"Priere du Matin," Jongen; "Recit de Cornet," Bach; "Carillon de Westminster,"
Plum; Toccata dans le Style Ancient, Leon
Lecocq; "Meditation-Priere," Plum; "Petite
Marche Champetre," Bedell; "Traume,"
Wagner; Toccata, Callaerts.

John M. Thomas, A.A.G.O., Wellington, Kans.—Mr. Thomas, assisted by Dr. Jack W. Juergens, bass, played a recital March 4 at the First Methodist Church. Organ numbers were as follows: Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, Buxtehude; Trio-Sonata 6 and Prelude and Fugue in B minor, Bach; Sonata on the 94th Psalm, Reubke; "Song of Peace," Langlais; "Elegie," Peeters; Toccata "Thou Art the Rock," Mulet.

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Richard Gareth Elchler, Erle, Pa.—Mr.
Eichler, eighteen-year-old organist of the
Westminster Presbyterian Church, played a
recital for the dedication services of the
recently remodeled church. He is a pupil
of Percy Le Seuer. His program included
the following selections: Prelude and Fugue
in F major, Bach; "Alleluia", Mozart;
"Deep River", Negro Spiritual; Prelude
in G minor, Bach; "Hornpipe." "Water
Music," Handel; "Were You There?", Negro
Spiritual; Theme from "Finlandia", Sibelius;
"I Love to Tell the Story", Fischer; March
Pontificale, Lemmens. FAGO. C. M.

Harold Heeremans, F.A.G.O., Ch.M., F.T.C.L., Brooklyn Heights, N. Y.—Mr. Heeremans was heard in a Bach recital Feb. 12 at the First Unitarian Congregational Church. He played these works: "Wie Schön Feb. 12 at the First Unitarian Congregational Church. He played these works: "Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern," "O Gott, du frommer Gott!," "Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich," "Vom Himmel hoch," "Jesu, meine Freude," "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich," Fugue in G major (Gigue), "Wo soll ich fliehen hin," "Christ lag in Todesbanden," "An Wasserflüssen Babylon," "Kyrie Gott Helliger Caiet" (five Noles) 'Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist" (five voices)

Charlotte, Lambert, Lexington, Ky.—Miss Lambert, a senior in the organ department of the University of Kentucky and a student of Arnold Blackburn, played the following program on the Holtkamp organ in Memorial Hall, Feb. 24: Five Chorale Variations on "Jesu an dem Kreuze standt", "Cheieti; "Our Father Who Art in Heaven", "These Are the Holy Ten Commandments", and Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, Bach; Sonata 3, Hindemith; Chorale in E major, Franck.

Charles Ore, Winfield, Kans.-Mr. Ore, charles Ore, Winfield, Rans.—Mr. Ore, a pupil of Alma Nommensen, played a recital at the St. John's College Auditorium Feb. 12. His program: Prelude and Fugue in D major, "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" and "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him," Bach; Sonata 1, Mendelssohn; "Mountain Sketches," Clokey; Andante Cantabile and Finels Symphony A Wider. and Finale, Symphony 4. Widor.

Joseph C. Gould, Mobile, Ala.—Mr. Gould played a "classic" organ recital at the Government Street Methodist Church March 11. His selections were the following: "Trumpet Voluntary," Purcell; "O Haupt, voll Blut und Wunde," Delphin Strungk; "How

Brightly Shines the Morning Star," Buxtehude; Ricercare, Froberger; Fugue in C major, Buxtehude; "Hymn of the Nativity," Gabriel Nivers; Preludio, Gigault; Noel in G, Daquin; Pastorale "Le Prologue de Jesus," arr. by Clokey; Pastorale, Zipoli; Prelude in G major, Bach.

Thomas Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn-Mr. Johnson, organist of the Zion Lutheran Church, E.L.C., was heard in a recital at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark March 4. His program included the following: "Gelobt sei Gott," Willan; Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor and Five Chorale Preludes, Bach; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?", Thomson; "I Am Black but Comely," Dupré, Scherzo, Gigout; "Carillon de Westminster," Vierne.

Lucy Anne McCluer, Due West, S. C. Lucy Anne McCluer, Due West, S. C.—
Miss McCluer played a faculty recital for
Erskine College in the Memorial Hall Feb.
23. She played the following program:
Toccata and Fugue in D minor and "The
Old Year Now Hath Passed Away," Bach;
Chorale and Variations, Sonata 6, Mendelssohn; Prelude on "St. Catherine," Invention and Toccata, Felix Bauer; "By the
Waters of Babylon," John Huston; Variations on a Noel, Dupré.

Mildred L. Hendrix, Durham, N. C.—
Mrs. Hendrix played the following recital program at the Duke University Chapel March 4: "Now Let Us Sing with Joy," "My Heart Is Filled with Longing" and Fugue in F minor, Bach; "The Nativity," Langlais; Prelude and Fugue in E flat, Saint-Saens, Aria Paeters, Chorale, in A mildred to the Paris Paeters, Chorale, in A mildred to the Company of the Paeters, Chorale, in A mildred to the Paeters of the Paeters Saens; Aria, Peeters; Chorale in A minor.

Edna Scotten Billings, Kansas City, Mo.— Mrs. Billings played her annual recital at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Feb. 5. Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Feb. 5. The recital preceded choral evensons. Her program: "Agincourt Hymn," Dunstable; Prelude and Fugue in F major, Buxtehude; Introduction and Toccata in G, Walond; "Schmücke Dich" and Fantasie in C minor, Bach; Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Dupré; "Twilight et Flesole." Bingham; "Carillon de Westminster, Vierne. In the cathedral Nov. 27 Mrs. Billings, assisted by a string ensemble, gave a program called "Music for Meditation." Organ numbers included: Prelude and Fugue in F minor, Buxtehude, and pieces for violin and organ.

Mahlon Balderston, Jr., Santa Barbara, Cal.—Mr. Balderston played a recital at the Unitarian Church Feb. 26. He was assisted by Gwendolyn Douglass Smith, violin. Organ Gwendolyn Douglass Smith, violin. Organ numbers were these: Prelude and Fugue in E minor and "Wir glauben all' an einen Gott." Bach; Chorale in A minor, Franck; "Cynthian Fantasie." Balderston. Mr. Balderston played a recital at the church Nov. 6 in the following program: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Three Chorale Preludes and Fantasie and Fugue in A minor, Bach; Chorale in B minor, Franck; "Claire de Lune" and Toccatina-Chorale, Karg-Eiert.

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Lawrence S. Frank, Westerville, OhloMr. Frank played a recital at the Indianola
Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, Feb.
19. He included these pieces on the program:
"Mein junges Leben hat ein Ende," Sweelinck; Trio-Sonata 2 in C minor and Prelude
and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Prelude on
"Ave Verum," Mozart; Sonata in C minor,
Mendelssohn; "O World, I Now Must Leave
Thee," "Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls" and
"Behold, a Rose Is Blooming," Brahms;
"Romance in D flat," Symphony 4, Vierne;
"Cortege et Litanie," Dupré. Mr. Frank
played a faculty recital for Otterbein College
Jan. 15 at the First E.U.B. Church, Westerville. His program: "Mein junges Leben hat
ein Ende," Sweelinck; Toccata in F major
and Un Poco Allegro, Trio-Sonata 4 in E
minor, Bach; Sonata 2 in C minor, Mendelssohn; "Bells in the Starry Night," Dunn;
"Elegy of the Bells," Carre; "Trumpet Voluntary," Purcell-Biggs; Sonatas 16 and 17,
Mozart-Biggs; Final in B flat. Franck. Mr. mutary," Purcell-Biggs; Sonatas 16 and 17, Mozart-Biggs; Final in B flat, Franck Mr. Frank was assisted in this program by trumpet and two violins.

Lorene Banta, Andover, Mass. Lorene Banta, Andover, Mass.—Dr. Banta, organist of Phillips Academy, played a recital Feb. 19 at the Cochran Chapel. She played these numbers: Prelude in B minor, Bach; Andante in F, Mozart; Chorale in B minor, Franck; "Sketch in D flat." Schumann; "Litanies," Alain; "Light of the Moon," Karg-Elert; "Musical Snuff-box," Anatol Liadov; "Wind in the Chimney," Clokey; Toccata in D minor, Reger; Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, Pachelbel.

John R. Lively, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Mr. Lively played a recital on the new Aeolian-Skinner organ in the Sixth United Presbyterian Church Feb. 26. His program was as follows: Concerto in G major, Stanley; Offertoire pour le Jour de Paques, Dandrieu; Prelude and Fugue in B minor, Bach; Fantasie in F minor and major, Mozart; Chorale in E major, Franck; Pastorale, Rene Rabey; Final Symphogy. J Langleig. Final, Symphony 1, Langlais.

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Henry Hokans, Worcester, Mass.—Mr. Hokans, organist and choirmaster of All Saints' Church. played the following program March 4 in the Evangelical Congregational Church in Westboro, Mass.: Introduction and Toccata, Walond; "The Cuckoo," Daquin; Sinfonia "I Stand at the Threshold," Bach; Suite for a Musical Clock, Handel; Goncerto 5 in F major, Handel; "Piece Heroique," Franck; "A Lovely Rose is Blooming," Brahms; Scherzetto, Vierne; "Reverle," Bonnet; Finale, Symphony 1, Vierne.

Vieme.
Frederic T. Egener, F.C.C.M., London, Ont.—Dr. Egener played a recital Feb. 26 at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Ont. He was assisted by the church choir. Organ numbers were: "All through the Night." Lemare; "Suite Gothique." Boellmann: Variations on Pleyel's Hymn, Burnaps; "Lake Huron," "Scenes Canadian,"

Egener.

Earl P. Morgan, Milwaukee, Wis.—Mr.
Morgan played a vesper recital at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church Feb. 19. His program:
Concerto 5 in F, Handel; "Hark! a Voice
Saith, All Is Mortal," Bach; Chorale in B
minor, Franck; Scherzetto, Vierne; "Benedictus," Reger; "Ave Maris Stella" (Finale),
Dupré; Communion, Purvis; "Westminster
Chimes," Vierne.

Chimes," Vierne.

wills Bodine, Jr., Austin, Tex.—Mr. Bodine, a pupil of John Boe at the University of Texas, played his junior recital in the university recital hall Feb. 22. His program: Prelude and Fugue in A minor and Canonic Variations on "Yom Himmel hoch," Bach; "Jasension," Messiaen; Prelude on "The King's Majesty," Sowerby.

King's Majesty," Sowerby.

Claude L. Murphree, Gainesville, Fla.—
Mr. Murphree played the following recital
March 11 at the University of Florida auditorium: Prelude on "B-A-C-H." Richard
Keys Biggs; Symphony 5, Widor; Scherzo in
G minor, Bossi; Dance of the Apprentices
and Procession, Wagner-Koch; "Dreams,"
McAmis; Fantasia Contrappuntistica sopra
"O Filli et Filiae," Van Hulsse,
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Meamis; Fantasia Contrappunistica sopra "O Filli et Filiae," Van Hulse.

Henry Von Hasseln, Anderson, S. C.—The Greenwood, S. C., Chapter of the A.G.O. gonsored Mr. Von Hasseln in a recital Feb. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church. He played the following: First Movement, Sonata in A minor, Rheinberger; "Adagio for Glass Harmonica," Mozart; "My Faithful Heart Rejoices" and "My Heart Is Filled with Longing," Brahms; Fugue in G major (Gigue), Bach; "Requiescat in Pace." Sowerby; Gavotte, Wesley; "Cantilena," Titcomb; Chorale in A minor, Franck. At Anderson College Feb. 26, Mr. Von Hasseln played this program, assisted by Herbert Archer, plano: Rigaudon, Campra; "The Fifers," Dandrieu; "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" and Fugue in G major (Gigue), Bach; "The Swan," Saint-Saens; Air Varle, Demarest; Prelude, Fugue and Varlation, Franck; "The French Clock," Bornschein, "Chant de Paix," Langlais; "Now Thank We All Our God," Karg-Elert.

Alan Walker, Tarboro, N. C.—Mr. Walker laved a recital at the Howard Memoral

Alan Walker, Tarboro, N. C.—Mr. Walker played a recital at the Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church Jan. 29. His program included these pieces: Concerto 2, Handel; Sonata 2, Bach; "Adagio for a Glass Harmonica," Fanstasie, K. 594, "Andante for a Mechanical Clock," K. 616 and Fantasie K. 608. Mozart.

K. 606, Mozart.

C. Harold Einecke, Santa Barbara, Cal.—
Dr. Einecke played the dedicatory recital on the Pels organ in the Church of Our Saviour, Mill Valley, Cal., Jan. 15. His program: Overture to the "The Occasional Oratorio," Handel; Sinfonia "I Stand at the Threshold," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Fugue in C major (Fanfare), Bach, Largo e Spiccato, Concerto in D minor, Vivaldi-Bach; "The Cuckoo," Daquin; Trumpet Voluntary," Purceli; "Marion," Sowerby; Elevation, Goldsworthy; "Gwalsmai," Purvis; "Rhosymedre," Vaughan Williams; Toccata on a French Psalm Tune, Norma Z. Fisher.

John Hamilton, Wenatchee, Wash.—The Chico, Cal., Chapter of the A.G.O. spon-sored Mr. Hamilton in an organ and harpsi-chord recital Jan. 31 at the Bidwell Me-morial Presbyterian Church. Organ numbers morial Presbyterian Church. Organ numbers were the following: Prelude and Fugue on "B-A-C-H." Liszt; "O God, Thou Faithful God," Brahms; Canon in B, Schumann; Tallet of Unhatched Chicks in Their Shells," Mussorgsky; "Rhumba," Elmore. Joann Meier Schaad was organist for the Concerto 3 in G for harpsichord and organ, Soler. Mr. Hamilton played his graduate recital for the Mus.M. degree in harpsichord at the University of Southern Callfornia Feb. 27.

the A.G.O. at the Central Christian Church, Terre Haute, Ind. His program: Rondo in G, John Bull; Air, Handel; Rondeau, Couperin; "O Sacred Head" and Sinfonia "We Thank Thee, God," Bach; "Piece Heroique." Franck; Pastorale, Recitative and Chorale, Karg-Elert; "Ariel" and Meditation on a karg-Elert; "Ariel" and Meditation on

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Barbara Jeanne Finch, Fresno, Cal.—The San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the A.G.O. sponsored Miss Finch in a recital Feb. 12 at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fresno. She is a student of Richard Purvis. Her program: Concerto in C major, "When in the Hour of Utmost Need" and Allegro, Trio-Sonata 5, Bach; Sketch in F minor, Schumann; "My Heart Is Ever Yearning," Brahms; Scherzo, Symphonie 2, Vierne; "Benedictus," Reger; Two Chorale Preludes, Peeters; "Fanfare," Whitlock; "Prayer for Peace" and "Capriccio" (On the Notes of the Cuckoo), Purvis; Toccata: "Tu Es Petra," Mulet.

Mulet.

Stanton A. Hyer, New York City—Mr.
Hyer appeared Jan. 26 as soloist with the Peekskill, N. Y., Civic Orchestra. He played the following: Toccata and Fugue in D minor and "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away," Bach; "In Summer," Stebbins; "Rhapsody in Blue," Gershwin-Hyer. With the orchestra he played "Tales from the Vienna Woods," J. Strauss. Mr. Hyer played a recital Feb. 19 at the Peekskill First Baptist Church. His program: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach; "Ave Maris Stella 3," Brahms; "Suite Baroques." Bingham; Toccata "Vom Himmel hoch," Edmundson; "Jerusalem the Golden," Ewing; Rondeau, Dandrieu; Improvisation on Four Hymns, Hyer; "Carillon," Vierne.

Mary Ann Dodd, Fayetteville, Ark.—Miss

Mary Ann Dodd, Fayetteville, Ark.—Miss Dodd played her senior recital at the University of Arkansas concert hall Feb. 2. She played the following: Toccata in D minor, Froberger; "Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ," "Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter" and Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Bach; "Mors et Resurrectio," Langlais; Sonata 2, Hindemith; "Ave Maris Stella," Dupré.

Maris Stella," Dupre.

George L. Scott, Pullman, Wash.—Mr.
Scott played the following recital March 25
at Washington State College: "Da Jesus an
dem Kreuze standt," Scheidt; Second Movement, Trio-Sonata 4, "Wachet auf" and
"Valet will ich dir geben," Bach; Partita
"Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten,"
Pepping; Chorale in B minor, Franck; "Cantabile," Symphony 2 and Final, Symphony
3, Vierne.

Richard Westenburg, Minneapolis, Minn.

—Mr. Westenburg played a recital at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark Feb. 12. His program: Toccata in E minor, Pachelbel; Air, Tartini; "Basse et Dessus de Trompette," Clerambault; "Psalm 19," Marcello; Noel "Grand Jeu et Duo," Daquin; "Cathedral" Prelude and Fugue in E minor and Five Chorale Preludes, Bach; Prelude and Scherzo, Titcomb; Adagio for Strings, Barber; Finale, Symphony 2, Widor.

Richard H. Unfried, Los Angeles, Cal.—Mr. Unfried, a student of Irene Robertson, played his senior recital on the organ in the Bovard Auditorium, the University of Southern California, Jan. 30. His program: "My Heart Is Filled with Longing" and "O Blessed Jesu," Brahms; Sonata 1, Mendelssohn; Sonata 2, Hindemith; Toccata and Fugue in F major, Bach; Scherzo and Finale, Symphony 2, Vierne.

Symphony 2, Vierne.

Carolyn Eycleshimer, Troy, N.Y.,—Miss Eycleshimer, music director at Trinity Methodist Church, played a recital Feb. 19 on the Giles memorial organ at the First Baptist Church. Her program: Rondo in G. Bull; Aria, Suite in D. Bach; "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," Karg-Elert; "The Nativity," Langlais: "A Rose Tree Hath Arisen," Brahms; "Piece Heroique," Franck; Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Dupre; "The Celestial Banquet," Messiaen; "Londonderry Air," arr. Coke-Jephcott; "Flourish for an Occasion," Wolff; "Dreams," McAmis; Toccata in F, Symphony 5, Widor.

David Craighead, Rochester, N.Y.—Mr.

McAmis; Toccata in F, Symphony 5, Widor.

David Craighead, Rochester, N.Y.—Mr.
Craighead was sponsored in a recital Feb. 13
by the Los Angeles and Pasadena and
Valley Districts Chapters of the A.G.O. and
Occidental College. The program was played
at the Thorne Hall of the college and
included the following: Concerto in A
minor, Vivaldi-Bach; Aria da Chiesa, anonymous; Andante in F, Mozart; Prelude and
Fugue in C, Bach; Sonata, Russell Bennett;
Noel Grand Jeu et Duo, Daquin; "Barcarolle," Urner; Prelude and Fugue in G
minor, Dupre.

Francis Hopper, Louisville, Ky.—Mr. Hop-

God," Brahms; Canon in B, Schumann;
"Ballet of Unhatched Chicks in Their Shells," Mussorgsky; "Rhumba," Elmore.
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Van Denman Thompson, Greencastle, Ind.

—Dr. Thompson was sponsored in a recital Feb. 19 by the Wabash Valley Chapter of the A.G.O. at the Central Christian Church, Rolling Fields, Feb. 5. His program included the following: "Echo Voluntary," Concerto in D major for organ and strings (ms). William Hayes: Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Schroeder; "Lord God, Now Open Wide Thy Heaven," "When in the Hour of Utmost Need" and Fantasie in G major, Bach. Mr. Hopper was assisted by a string quartet, flute and soprano.

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RUTH A. PERRY celebrated her twenty-RUTH A. PERRY celebrated her twentyfifth anniversary as organist and musical
director of the First Church of Christ,
Congregational, Longmeadow, Mass., Jan.
8. A reception and tea, attended by 400
people, was held at which a silver tea
service was given to her from the congregation by William W. Sample, a member of the music committee.

Miss Perry was one of the founders and

Miss Perry was one of the founders and first dean of the Springfield, Mass., Chapter of the A.G.O. She has been supervisor of music in the Longmeadow schools since 1946.

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Catharine Crozier, organist of Rollins
College, Winter Park, Fla., gave a series
of eight vesper organ recitals in the
Knowles Memorial Chapel in the months
of January and February. These programs included a wide range of music drawn from the classic, romantic and contemporary schools of composition. One program was devoted entirely to music by Mozart as a tribute to the two-hundredth anniversary of his birth. As-sisting artists in the series were: Al-phonse Carlo and Marguerite Haldeman, violinists, Ross Rosazza, baritone, and Alice Anderson, soprano. Miss Crozier gave an all-Bach program March 8 as a part of the Bach festival of Winter Park under the direction of Robert Hufstader.

PASSION SUNDAY EVENSONG

IS HELD IN PHILADELPHIA

A service of choral evensong was sung by the men's and boys' choir of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Passion Sunday, March 18. The program consisted of "Tenebrae", Ingegneri; Kyrie Eleison from the Pope Marcellus Mass, Palestrina; "The Reproaches," Vittoria; "Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus", Schütz; a portion of Cantata 115, "Ready Be My Soul," and the "Crucifixus" from the B minor Mass, both by Bach. Harry Wilkinson, F.A.G.O., is organist and choirmaster. master

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Mrs. Summers was sponsored in a solo recital by the Tucson Festival Society in 1952. She served as dean of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the A.G.O. for two terms (1952-1954) and was director of choral music for the Arizona State Federation of Music Clubs in 1951. Prior to her residence in Tucson, Mrs. Summers was choir director-organist at Trinity Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich., and was listed as concert-organist with the Michigan Artists Bureau.

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Halifax Hears British Adjudicator.

large number of members of the Halifax Centre gathered at the Sword and Anchor Inn Jan. 31 for their annual and Anchor Inn Jan. 31 for their annual banquet. The guest speaker was Dr. Leon Forrester, A.R.C.M., F.R.C.O., who had come to Halifax to adjudicate the organ and school music classes in the musical festival. Dr. Forrester, choirmaster and director of several boys' choirs and of two operatic companies, has adjudicated in many festivals throughout Great Britain. He is a winner of the LaFontaine prize for the highest marks in organ playing and has composed several piano and organ pieces and a Symphony in D minor.

minor.

The speaker was introduced by Professor Harold Hamer. The title of his talk was "Musical Festivals from 1000 B. C." While discussing the qualities of competitive and noncompetitive musical festivals, Dr. Forrester said that King David had a singing school of 4,000 and held the first musical festival. There were musical festivals in England in the reign of Edward III, but the first competitive musical festival was "a duel" of two organs in St. Mark's Church in Venice in the sixteenth century.

B. A. Munn, chairman of the centre, asked if the members had questions about musical affairs in Britain. Dr. Forrester remarked that British festivals flourished in solo classes, but there has been a loss

in solo classes, but there has been a loss of numbers in male-voice choirs. Large festivals, such as Blackpool, have organ classes but not smaller ones. In Canada there is a more active interest in organ

playing than in cities of comparable size in Britain, revealed Dr. Forrester, who was thanked by Ernest Morley.

Six Lenten recitals by members and their students were held at All Saints' Cathedral each Saturday at 4:15. SHIRLEY A. BLAKELEY.

Oshawa Hears Talk on Stained Glass.

An evening of more than usual interest An evening of more than usual interest was enjoyed by members of the Oshawa Centre at St. George's parish hall Feb. 8. The guest speaker was James Meechan, artist and craftsman, whose illustrated talk on the making and history of stained glass windows enthralled his listeners. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, and a graduate of the school of art there, Mr. Meechan came to Canada three years ago and has established a studio in Toronto.

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Mr. Meechan traced the method of making windows from the original colored sketch, through the cartoon stage, the clipping of the pattern with special shears, the painting with oils and water paint and two firings in the kiln. His talk was illustrated with colored slides, and Mr. Meechan brought for demonstration purposes samples of stained glass and Mr. Meechan brought for demonstration purposes samples of stained glass
and utensils used in making the windows.
He pointed out the folly of translating
oil paintings to windows and stressed
the importance of encouraging original
design. He made a strong case for the
use of stained glass windows in contemporary architecture.

Mrs. G. K. Drynan introduced the
speaker and the thanks of the group was
expressed by A. Bellingham. Attending
as special guests were members of the

special guests were members of the Oshawa clergy.

MRS. G. K. DRYNAN,

ST. CATHARINES CENTRE—A meeting was held by the St. Catharines Centre at Knox Church March 4. The guest recitalist was Doren Miller, A.C.C.O., of Toronto. Following the recital a business meeting was held, at which the recent formation of the St. Catharines Arts Council was dis-cussed.—Dr. F. R. C. CLARKE.

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OTTAWA CENTRE—The January meeting of the Ottawa Centre was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. After a good dinner, served by the ladies of the church, the meeting adjourned to the basement where two documentary films were shown. The first, loaned by the Danish Legation, was a sound and visual presentation of the historic Compenius organ and the second was the film on the Casavant factory. Following the films, Mrs. Lillian Forsyth gave an interesting and entertaining account of her musical experiences on a one-year visit to Great Britain and Europe. The evening closed with a report on the London convention by Leonard Foss in his usual witty style. Arrangements for the films were made by the National Film Board and for the dinner by J. A. Loa. . The February meeting was a sheld at the Chalmers United Church. William France spoke on Canadian church music. A large quantity of music was on exhibition through donation and loan from a number of publishers. The meeting was a preliminary to a festival of Canadian church music to be sponsored by the centre in May. By these efforts we hope to increase the amount of contemporary Canadian music in our local church repertory.—Peter in our local church repertory.-Peter

HARKER.

HAMILTON CENTRE—The Hamilton Centre was pleased to sponsor Keith L. Hopkins, A.R.C.T., A.C.C.O., in a recital at the First United Church Feb. 12. Mr. Hopkins, one of our younger members, was awarded his diploma at the closing banquet of last year's convention in London. Despite winter weather a good-sized crowd enjoyed his program. The offering was taken in aid of the C.C.O. headquarters building fund. The choir of the church assisted Mr. Hopkins, and was under the direction of Harry J. Allen, F.C.C.M. A reception followed.—Dwight Muncer, Diapason Reporter.

LONDON CENTRE—A meeting of the

DWIGHT MUNGER, DIAPASON Reporter.

LONDON CENTRE—A meeting of the London Centre was held at the home of I. S. Brake March 4. Mr. Brake's two interesting papers, entitled "The Origin of Vestments" and "The Missionary Aspect of Church Music," highlighted the business session. Colored slides, as shown by J. Bev. C. Robinson, M.D., well-known London physician and amateur photographer, of his recent trip to the old country, provided a thrilling climax to the evening. Outstanding were the scenes of the English and Scottish countrysides and of the many old churches and cathedrals. . . A meeting of the centre was held Feb. 12 at the Knox United Church. A program of recorded music (sixteenth-century Monteverdi) preceded the short business meeting which Earle Terry chairman, presided over. The program of recorded by W. H. Wickett and Terry chairman, presided over. The program was arranged by W. H. Wickett and M. A. Chadwick.—MARGARET NEEDHAM.

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SARNIA CENTER—The annual hymns of the church service for massed choir and congregation was held Feb. 26 at the Devine Street United Church. Hayden Weston directed the choirs with Bernard A. Howard, A.C.C.O., at the organ. Several new hymns were used, as well as the more familiar, in varied ways. Other members participated: James Watson played the organ prelude, Herman Sperling gave a background for the hymns, James France, local chairman, reviewed the objects of the C.C.O. and welcomed the choirs and congregation, Bruce Birrell played the postlude and the benediction and welcome were given by members of the ministerial association. Proceeds from the service were in aid of the C.C.O. building fund.—A. E. Harris, Secretary.

CALGARY CENTRE—The Calgary Centre

CALGARY CENTRE—The Calgary Centre is sponsoring a series of radio recitals in the spring season. Douglas Parnham (Hill-hurst United Church) is in charge of the recitals with the co-operation of radio station CFAC. Those taking part will be: Dulcie Bishop (St. Stephen's Anglican), Madge Thomas Clarke (First Baptist), Phyllis Chapman Clarke (Central United), Angus Fraser (North Hill United), Victor Graham (Grace Presbyterian), Stuart Kennedy (Mt. Calvary Lutheran), Cyril Mossop (Knox United) and Kenneth Robson (Crescent Heights Baptist). Each recital will be broadcast from the organist's own church at a suitable time on a Sunday evening.—R. C. CLARKE. CALGARY CENTRE—The Calgary Centre

VICTORIA CENTRE—The February meeting was held at the residence of the president, Dr. D. B. Roxburgh, and members were privileged to hear several records of were privileged to hear several records of the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company's series, the "King of Instruments", which were made available through the courtesy of G. Donald Harrison and were greatly enjoyed. After refreshments, served by Mrs. Rox-burgh, assisted by Mrs. Boam, members were able to disport themselves on the president's "concert-model" Hammond elec-tropic organ. Centary Street tronic organ.-GRAHAM STEED

VANCOUVER CENTRE.-Two outstanding vancouver Centree.—Iwo outstanding programs of great interest to members of the Vancouver Centre were greatly enjoyed recently. The Christ Church Cathedral choir, under the direction of Thomas Jenkins. A.C.C.O., gave a choir demonstration of A.C.C.O., gave a choir demonstration of outstanding interest Jan. 31. Mr. Jenkins spoke to the congregation and explained various phases of the Anglican service and illustrated his remarks by carefully-prepared numbers by his choir . . A much anticipated event took place Feb. 25 at the Canadian Memorial Chapel where Vancouver Ladies' Orchestra, under the



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Arthur Howes Charms His Audience In Methodist Church Organ Recital

By JOHN DONOGHUE

Burlington has had its share of fine music this past week. Last Monday, it was I Musici. Last night, Arthur Howes, the director of the Organ Institute, Andover, Mass., gave us another program largely given over to the Baroque period.

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Reaffirming the fine imression made in a former appearance, and his place of eminence a mong his colleagues, Arthur Howes, organist, pleased an attentive audience at the Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon.

Again there was heard meticulous attention to detail, ir-

Again there was heard meticulous attention to detail, irreproachable taste and conformity to the best traditions of organ playing. His offerings, barring Brahms and Widor, were by Bach, Handel and lesser knowns of that era. Thus the list clearly indicated the Handel and the H Mr. Howes's gallery appeal. unconcern for

Nevertheless, the audience

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The Stratford Shakespearean Festival, Stratford, Ont., will have the second annual music festival July 7 to Aug. 11 in conjunction with the summer drama season. Louis Applebaum, director, announced, "This is perhaps the first time that good jazz has been thoroughly integrated into a serious music festival." Such artists as Rudolf Serkin, Claudio Arrau, Inge Borkh and Jennie Tourel will alternate with jazz performers, Duke Ellington and Dave Brubeck. The festival orchestra will play under guest conductors, Reginald Stewart and Heinz Unger. The festival chorus will be under the direction of Elmer Iseler. For the first time an opera will be added to the series—Britten's "The Rape of Lucretia." Master classes, under the auspices of the Royal Conservatory in Toronto, will be given by Mr. Arrau and Miss Borkh.

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Dr. Peter Waring of the faculty of the
Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge,
and organist-choir director at St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley, gave a series
of five Lenten talks on "Music in Worship" at Grace Church, Newton. Three
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and Evening Prayer. Two of the lectures
illustrated the major developments in the
history of western sacred music.

ROBERT CANE



ROBERT CANE will appear in a recital April 15 at St. Peter's Church, Madison Street, Chicago, under the Bertha Ott management. This recital is the Young Artist award he won last year in a competition sponsored by the American Society of Musicians.

Mr. Cane is a student of Hugh C. Price at the Sherwood Music School. He holds the Mus. B. degree from that institution and is currently working on the Mus. M. there. He is organist at the Congregational Church in Elgin, Ill., and formerly was organist and choir director of Zion Lutheran Church, Chicago.

The St. Peter's program will include works by Buxtehude, Bach, Hindemith, Vierne and Liszt.

THE SIXTY-VOICE DePaul University choir, Arthur C. Becker, director, provided the background music for an Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc., movie, entitled "The American Flag," in a recent production. To be released in a few months, the film is in color and features the usual patriotic hymns with special arrangements. It will be used for patriotic events and will be available to schools throughout the country.

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To the Name that Brings	Everett Titcomb	.20
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The First Baptist Church, Topeka, Kans., for the second consecutive year has honored two composers for their work in church music. In its "Meet the Composer" service Feb. 19 the choirs of the church honored Robert Wilson Hays and Will Lower. The service consisted of Will James. The service consisted of choral and organ works by the two com-

Mr. Havs, organist at Kansas State Mr. Hays, organist at Kansas State College, did graduate study at the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, France, and at Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music in New York City. He is former organist and choir director of the First Congregational Church Muskegon, Mich.: Beck Memochoir director of the First Congregational Church, Muskegon, Mich.; Beck Memo-rial Presbyterian Church, New York City; Fountain Street Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Grace Episco-pal Cathedral, Topeka, Kans. Mr. James operates an educational mu-sic supply service in Springfield. He has

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He will direct three choirs at the church

Episcopal Church in Victoria, 1ex., in a similar capacity.

He will direct three choirs at the church in addition to doing private teaching in piano and organ. Mr. Leonard replaces Mrs. Reginald Fisher, who is resigning the position after many years' service. At present there is a Hammond electronic organ in the church which will be replaced with a pipe organ at an early date.

Mr. Leonard received the Mus. M. from Juilliard School of Music in 1949 with undergraduate work at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth, and at Juilliard. Study was with David McK. Williams, Franklin Coates and Vernon de Tar. While in New York he was organist-choirmaster at the Hillside Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, and at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Brooklyn, as well as assisting Mr. de Tar at the Church of the Ascension. In 1949 he studied with Dupré and Falcinelli at Fontainebleau, France. In 1951 Mr. Leonand married Mary Ruth Blake. They moved to Corpus Christi, Tex., where he was director of music at the First Methodist Church, and Mrs. Leonard was first 'cellist of the Corpus Christi Symphony. They have one daughter, Cynthia.

In Victoria Mr. Leonard has been dean of the local chapter of the A.G.O., vicepresident of the Community Concerts Association and director of the Community Chorus and Orchestra, along with a heavy teaching schedule of piano and organ including organ students at Victoria Junior College.

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New Publications Recognize Growing Musical Standards

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The subject most likely to crop up in serious discussions among organists these days is the rapid rise in the level of musical knowledge, taste and understanding among average organists in average churches in average American cities and towns. Choral music sent to The Diapason for review indicates that the publishers, at least, are becoming fully aware of this trend away from mediocrity and are more and more gearing their catalogs to organists' increasing knowledge of the history and traditions in church music and to their awareness of and interest in contemporary and even future musical trends.

Concordia's new choral music particularly recognizes this growth. This publisher, originally intending to provide music for and to raise the musical standards of the services of a single denomination, continues month after month to issue considerable music of high quality and wide diversity suitable for use in churches of many faiths. Especially cognizant of this widening interest and improved taste are three anthems prepared by S. Drummond Wolff: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis on plainchants with faux-bourdons, "Father Most Holy" on an old Rouen church melody and "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Bless" on a seventeenth-century Dresden melody suitable for youth services. Two anthems by Bach's contemporary, Marcello, appear with useful English texts from the psalms: "O Lord, Our Governor" and "And with Songs I Will Celebrater"; two more by Moser: "Man Shall Not Live by Bread Alone" (available unison or SATB) and "The Promise of Eternal Inheritance" (unison) are additions to the "Choral Music for the Day" series as are Titcomb's "Rejoice Ye with Jerusalem", written with that composer's usual complete grasp of his medium, and Bender's "Many Shall Come from the East and West", an ingenious three-part diatonic canon. Willan adds to his Concordia list with a flexible and useful pair: "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" (SA) and "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts" (SSA). Carl Bergen's edition of the Te Deum has special interest for liturgical services and for choirs and congregations sufficiently steeped in plainsong tradition. Lovelace's des Pres motet "The Name of Jesus", a Praetorius setting of the Lord's Prayer, "The Prayer of Our Lord", a Buszin version of an ancient chorale, "Jesus Is Our Joy, Our Treasure", and the Strube setting of "O Heiland," entitled "Blest Spirit, One with God," help satisfy the choirmaster's interest in nonliturgical pre-Bach music. Paul Bauman's "O God I Thank Thee Heartily (unison) rounds out Concordia's new list.

Three highly-regarded editors and arrangers appear on Boosey's list of new music. Harr

ummy's new publications seem in-

tended primarily for the choir of limited resources. Three are arrangements: "Walk in the Light", Larson: "Teach Me, O Lord", Norden, and Black's words and arrangement from Mendelssohn, "Bells Are Sounding," which uses junior and adult choirs. A setting of the Psalm 8 by Warner, and Frederick's "The Voice of Jesus" were also among Summy's issues.

Flammer features a group of liturgical responses and sentences by Cain, and multiple choir arrangements by the same man of several familiar anthems. Settings of "But the Greatest of These Is Charity" by Stanley Day, "Love Is of God" by Aulbach, and Emery's "Lift Your Heart in Song" are good, practical material for the average choir.

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New Novello material (available from British-American or Gray) includes a Communion Service by Sumsion, and two fine sixteenth-century motets, "Lord, Do Thou Have Mercy" by Vittoria, and "As Pants the Heart" by Palestrina, both with original Latin and new English texts. Five beloved texts appear in new musical settings: "Christ Hath a Garden", Barritt; "Nearer My God to Thee", Westrup; "O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem", Taylor; "How Beautiful upon the Mountains," adapted to Stainer music, and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" in a hymn setting with descant by Thiman.

Shawnee has two new anthems for the

Shawnee has two new anthems for the list: McCormick's "I Am the Vine", and Florence Jolley's SSA setting of "The Lord's My Shepherd".

Four publishers send singles. J. Fischer sent Candlyn's Easter carol setting of "The Strife Is O'er"; Presser a three-part Roff arrangement of a sixteenth-century Giovanelli, "Tu, Mentis Delectatio"; Mills a setting of Psalm 86 by Eunice Kettering, and Boston's Row octavo series, Marriott's "The Just Shall Live by Faith."

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Some sacred songs deserve mention. Southern publishes a big, orchestrally-conceived baritone setting of Psalm 68 by Bernard Rogers, and a "Cycle of Holy Songs", psalm settings by Ned Rorem, which require good vocal and musical equipment but which would repay a good musician for his study. Concordia's wedding song, "O Father, All Creating" by Fetler, and Augsburg's "Whither Thou Goest" by Cassler, come out at a good time of year for those many organists for whom the wedding chestnuts are now forbidden.

New Organ Music

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Concordia publishes Van Hulse's "Seven Preludes on Hymns for Easter", short works of major interest and usefulness which fill a real need for fresh Easter organ material. Gray continues its reissue of a standard French edition (Bornemann) of pre-Bach masters with five chorales by Hanff. These certainly belong in any even reasonably complete organ library. They are carefully edited and fingered and well adapted for teaching to mature students.

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pated in the festival from eighteen churches in the area.

The guest conductors of the day were Dr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Curry of Philadelphia. Dr. Curry is chairman of the department of music, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa., and musical editor for the Westminster Press. Mrs. Curry conducts the verse-speaking choirs at the First Methodist Church, Germantown, and lectures on choric speech and drama in the Presbyterian Leadership Training Schools of Maryville, Tenn., and Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Curry conducted the musical selections and Mrs. Curry conducted a verse-speaking choir, especially organized for this festival.

A workshop of two days preceded this festival. Seminars on choir organization, materials and methods, auditions and vocal techniques provided an enthusiastic

group of church musicians with plenty to think about.

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An unusual contribution of this workshop was the opportunity given to all to observe the techniques of conducting a verse-speaking choir and how to use such a choir in the general church program.

The first day of the workshop was concluded with a dinner at which the participants could get acquainted and enjoy a social evening. Dr. Curry spoke on the subject "Your Young People and the Music Program in Your Church."

The three-day meeting was concluded with a combined meeting with the Central Iowa Chapter of the A.G.O. at which Dr. Curry spoke on the subject "On Changing the Pace of Your Music Program." Illustrations of readings with music were given by Mrs. Curry with Dr. Curry at

the Pace of Your Music Program." Illustrations of readings with music were given by Mrs. Curry with Dr. Curry at the organ.

The program of activities was under the direction of John Dexter, director of music, Plymouth Congregational Church. The executive committee assisting him included: Frances Keck, president; Louise Haslup, vice-president; Russell Saunders, treasurer; Donella Rex, secretary; Hal Kreutz, co-ordinating chairman.

ESPLANADE EUROPEAN TOUR TO VISIT FAMOUS ORGANS

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Many interesting events are planned for the Esplanade Travel's second European organ tour, which leaves New York City July 30 for a one-month trip to Europe to visit the famous organs of France, Belgium and England.

In France, Marcel Dupré has invited the group to his home in Meudon where he will play on the three-manual Cavaille-Coll organ formerly owned by Alexandre Guilmant. M. Dupré has also invited members of the tour to the organ loft of St. Sulpice during the Sunday services. Pierre Cochereau, recently-appointed young organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, has stated that the organ will be "wide open" to the tour. Other outstanding organists who have agreed to cooperate are André Marchal, Jean Langlais, Norbert Dufourcq and Rolande Falcinelli.

On the tour into the provinces, famous organs at Versailles, La Fléche, Angers, Poitiers, Rheims, Soissons and Strasbourg will be visted and heard, and a trip will be made to the famous Abbey at Solesmes. At Fontainebleau, Nadia Boulanger, director of the American Conservatory, will receive the members of the tour and will arrange a special organ recital in the Jeu de Paumes of the Palace of Fontainebleau. In Alsace, the tour will visit several organs built by Andreas Silbermann.

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In Belgium, Flor Peeters is arranging visits to the cathedrals of Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges and Mechelin, where he will play a recital. He will also arrange a carillon recital by the director of the carillon school at Mechelin. In England, the tour will visit many organs of interest in London, as well as instruments in Cambridge and Ely Cathedral.

Melville Smith, director of the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass., is the musical tour director.

A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS was held Feb. 26 at the First Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. The choir of the church, Glenn R. Warner, organist-choirmaster, and the choir of Emmanuel Methodist Church, Elmer Sodergren, director, and Barbara Blon, organist, took part.



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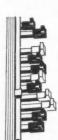
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Nachthorn, 4 ft., 61 pipes.
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Twelfth, 2% ft., 61 pipes.
Fifteenth, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Mixture, 4 ranks, 244 pipes.
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Flute Conique, 16 ft., 85 pipes. Geigen Diapason, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Flute Conique. 16 ft., 85 pipes.
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Gedeckt, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Salicional, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Voix Celeste. 8 ft., 56 pipes.
Flute Conique, 8 ft., 56 pipes.
Flute Celeste, 8 ft., 56 pipes.
Geigen Principal, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Flute, 4 ft., 68 notes.
Nazard, 2% ft., 61 notes.
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Flautino, 2 ft., 61 notes.
Flautino, 2 ft., 61 notes.
Trumpet, 8 ft., 56 notes.
Trumpet, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Hautbois, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Vox Humana, 8 ft. (prepared for).
Clarion, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Tremulant.

CHOIR ORGAN.

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Viola, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Koppelflöte, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Spitzflöte, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Unda Maris, 8 ft., 56 pipes.
Spitz Principal, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Flute, 4 ft., 68 pipes.
Nasat, 224 ft., 61 pipes.
Doublette, 2 ft., 61 pipes.
Tierce, 135 ft., 61 pipes.
Bombarde, 8 ft., 68 pipes.
Tremulant.

PEDAL ORGAN.

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Resultant, 32 ft., 32 notes.
Contrebasse, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Bourdon, 16 ft., 32 pipes.
Gedeckt, 12 pipes.
Contra Gambe, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
Principal, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Bourdon, 8 ft., 12 pipes.
Gedeckt, 8 ft., 32 notes.
Choral Bass, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Bourdon, 4 ft., 12 pipes.
Bombarde, 16 ft., 12 pipes.
Bombarde, 8 ft., 32 notes.
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A series of recitals of organ music by young organists has been given in the Maplewood church by students of Mr. Hewitt: Donald Pfost was the recitalist Jan. 22, Howard Rigby gave a program of sixteenth and seventeenth-century organ music March 4. The series will close Apr. 22 with a recital by Janice Conway, sixteen-year-old organist, in celebration of National A.G.O. Sunday. New Jersey chapters of the A.G.O. have been invited to attend.

The youth choirs of the Prospect and

The youth choirs of the Prospect and Morrow Memorial Methodist Churches, both in Maplewood, will join in a hymn festival for youth on music week Sunday, May 6 in the Morrow Church. Mr. Hewitt will direct and the Rev. William K. Burns, of the Morrow church, will be at the organ.

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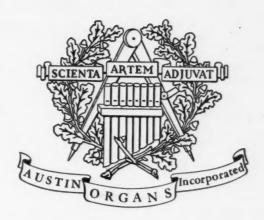
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